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# PREVIOUSLY

THE INFINITY STONES WERE REBORN AND SCATTERED, PASSING FROM HAND TO HAND ACROSS THE UNIVERSE, THROUGH TIME, TRANSGRESSING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN WORLDS...

A WAR FOR THE POWER STONE. A DEAD MAN APPEARING WITH THE SPACE STONE. SKIRMISHES AND STRUGGLES ACROSS THE UNIVERSE — PROVING THAT THE INFINITY STONES ARE TRULY A FORCE OF CHAOS.

NOW, A NEW DAY DAWNS IN THIS STRUGGLE. DOCTOR STEPHEN STRANGE HAS CALLED FOR A MEETING OF THE INFINITY WATCH. BUT AS THE WIELDERS OF THE STONES PREPARE TO CONVENE, OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES BEGIN TO PUT THEIR PLANS INTO MOTION...

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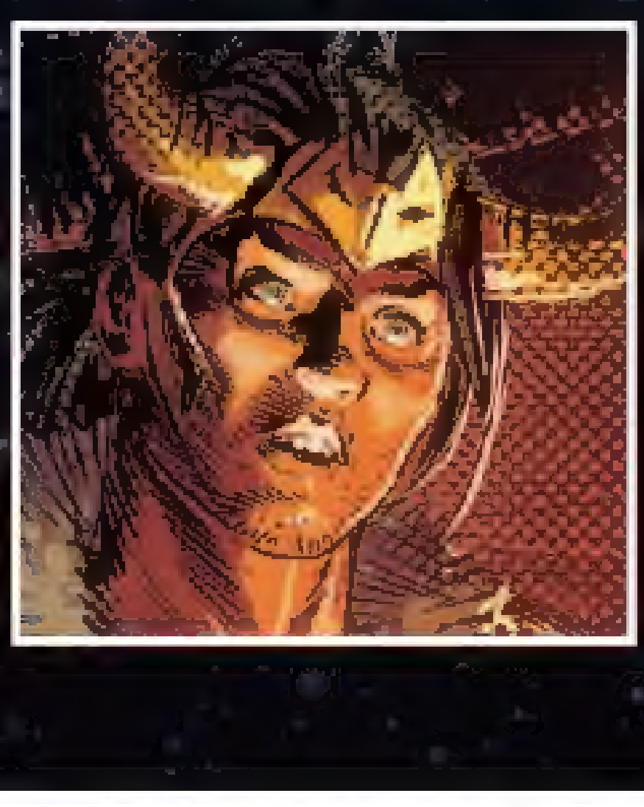

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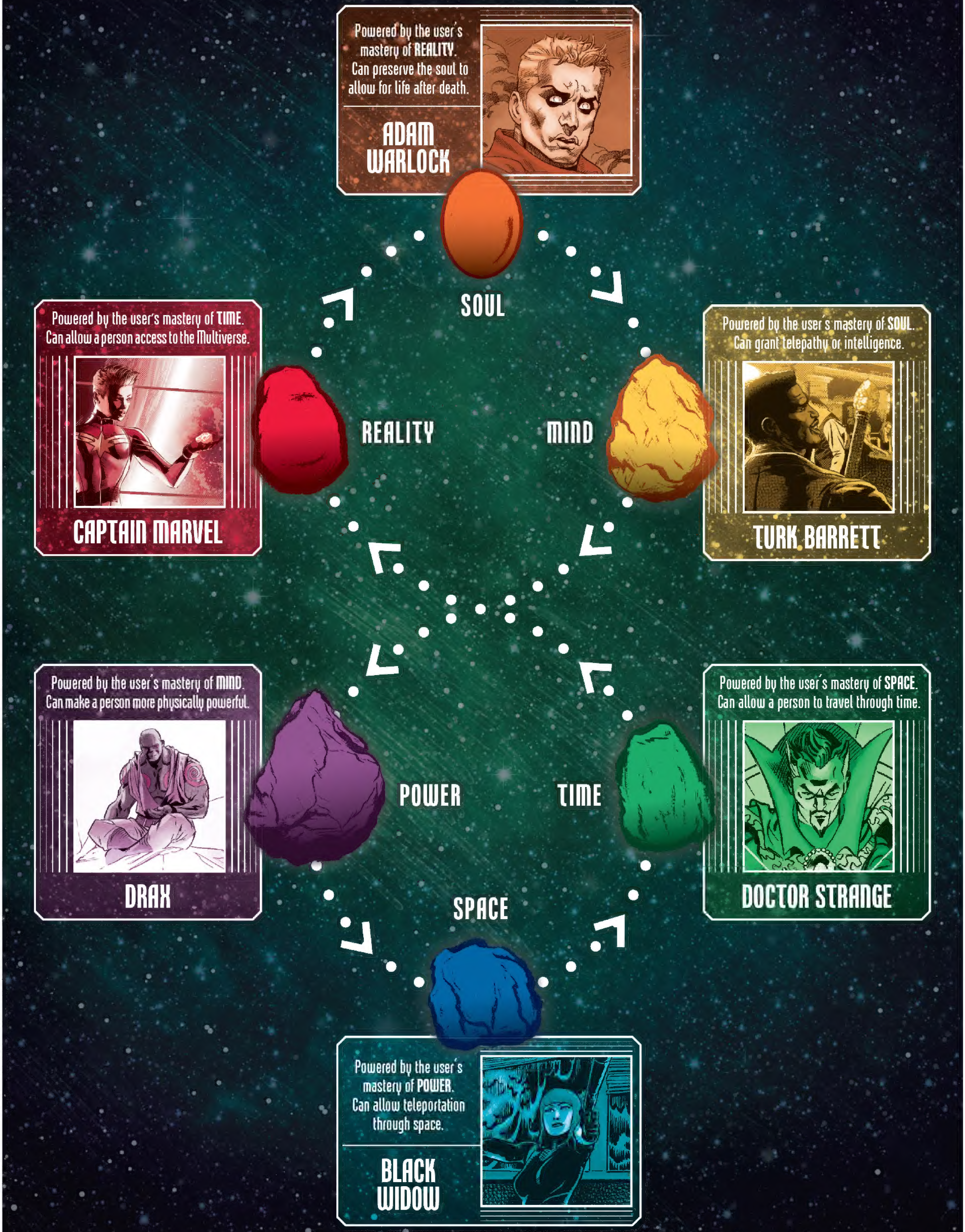
# THE INFINITY STONES...



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On their own, the stones provide great power. But when combined, they form a circuit — a positive feedback loop granting the user **INFINITE** power!

# INFINITY WARS PRIME 1

OMNIPOTENCE CITY.
WHY?
WHY?
WHY DO I REMEMBER SOME STORIES DIFFERENTLY THAN THE BOOKS?

THERE'S NO END TO MY TORMENT.
WHY AM I NEVER THE HERO OF THE STORY?
THE SAME STORIES...OVER AND OVER. SOMETIMES WITH DIFFERENT OUTCOMES...NEVER WITH ME ON A THRONE.
*SOMEONE* IS BEHIND ALL THIS.

YES, YES-- SOMEONE IS *ALWAYS* BEHIND IT.
GOOD LUCK TO YOU, BUT MY LIBRARY'S CLOSING ANON.
I AM LOKI--PRINCE OF ASGARD! HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FOR SO LONG THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
INDEED I DO, *"MILORD."* I'M FLOWA, ONE OF THE ASGARDIAN TOMEKEEPERS.
AND YOU'RE LUCKY I LET YOU IN HERE AT ALL!
*AHH!*
H-HOW ARE YOU SO STRONG?
WHEN I'M NEAR MY BOOKS AND SCROLLS I AM EMBOLDENED WITH THE STRENGTH OF MY ANCESTORS.

OUT WITH YA!
OOF! WAIT-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
SOMEONE IS PLAYING A TRICK ON ME.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM DIFFICULT.
SOME OF YOUR STUPID BOOKS ARE WRONG ANYWAY. IGNORING WHAT'S COME BEFORE TO TELL A TALE FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. NOT EVERYTHING MAKES SENSE, AND IT'S DRIVEN ME MAD.
DIFFERENT UNIVERSES WITH THE SAME PEOPLE-- WHY?
HMM. I REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
OVER HERE...
YOU MEAN YOU RECALL A STORY WHERE I TOOK LEAVE OF MY SENSES?
THIS BETTER NOT BE A TRICK.
IT SEEMS YOU WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF TELLING IF IT WERE.
HOW DID YOU COME TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF THESE ASGARDIAN BOOKS?

FREYJA THOUGHT KEEPING *ALL* OUR KNOWLEDGE IN ONE PLACE WAS NOT ONE OF ODIN'S SMARTER DECISIONS.
NOW THAT ASGARD HAS FALLEN INTO A STAR, I THINK WE CAN AGREE SHE WAS MOST WISE TO HAVE THE ***TOMEKEEPERS*** COPY THE IMPORTANT TEXTS AND KEEP THEM IN VARIOUS PLACES.
*AHA.*
THIS WAS A TALE ABOUT FAMILIAL STRIFE AND A WAR OF WORLDS.
IS IT ANY GOOD?
I'VE NEVER READ IT.
IS THIS--
WHAT HEL IS THIS?
THE STORY BEGINS WITH ME, BUT MOST OF IT HAS BEEN RIPPED OUT!

WHAT?!
I WILL FIND THE KNAVE, MAKE HIM REDRAW THE PAGES AND THEN SLAY HIM!
NOT IF I CAN DO IT FIRST.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS TALE?
THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER IS IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE QUARRY WAY OUT AT THE END OF SPACE.
THE GOD QUARRY?
THAT'S WHAT FOLKS CALL IT NOW, BUT LONG AGO IT WAS THE QUARRY OF CREATION.
THE GODS ARE JUST THE TOP SEDIMENT.
THEN I MUST GO TO THE GOD QUARRY.
HA-HA!
YOU RUBE, YOU DON'T JUST SAIL FOR THE QUARRY...

"...THAT PLACE IS PROTECTED BY ELDER WITCHES."

YES. SOMEHOW I'M SURE YOU POSSESS MUCH KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE ABOUT *THEM.*
WAIT--
I'M BORED, AND I'M MISSING MY BOOK GATHERING FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING, SO *OUT* YOU GO.
NOT ANOTHER WORD, TRICKSTER.
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY DOING TONIGHT? WOULD YOU CARE TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE GOD--ER, THIS QUARRY OF CREATION?
TSK. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL. PERHAPS THIS IS *MY* CHANCE TO WRITE A TOME.
EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW...

...THE BRIGHT UTOPIA OF SOUL WORLD IS GONE, ALMOST LIKE IT'S BEING DRAINED AWAY SOMEHOW.
THE DUST STORMS HOWL.
THE SOULS THAT DWELL PERMANENTLY DON'T... SEEM TO NOTICE.

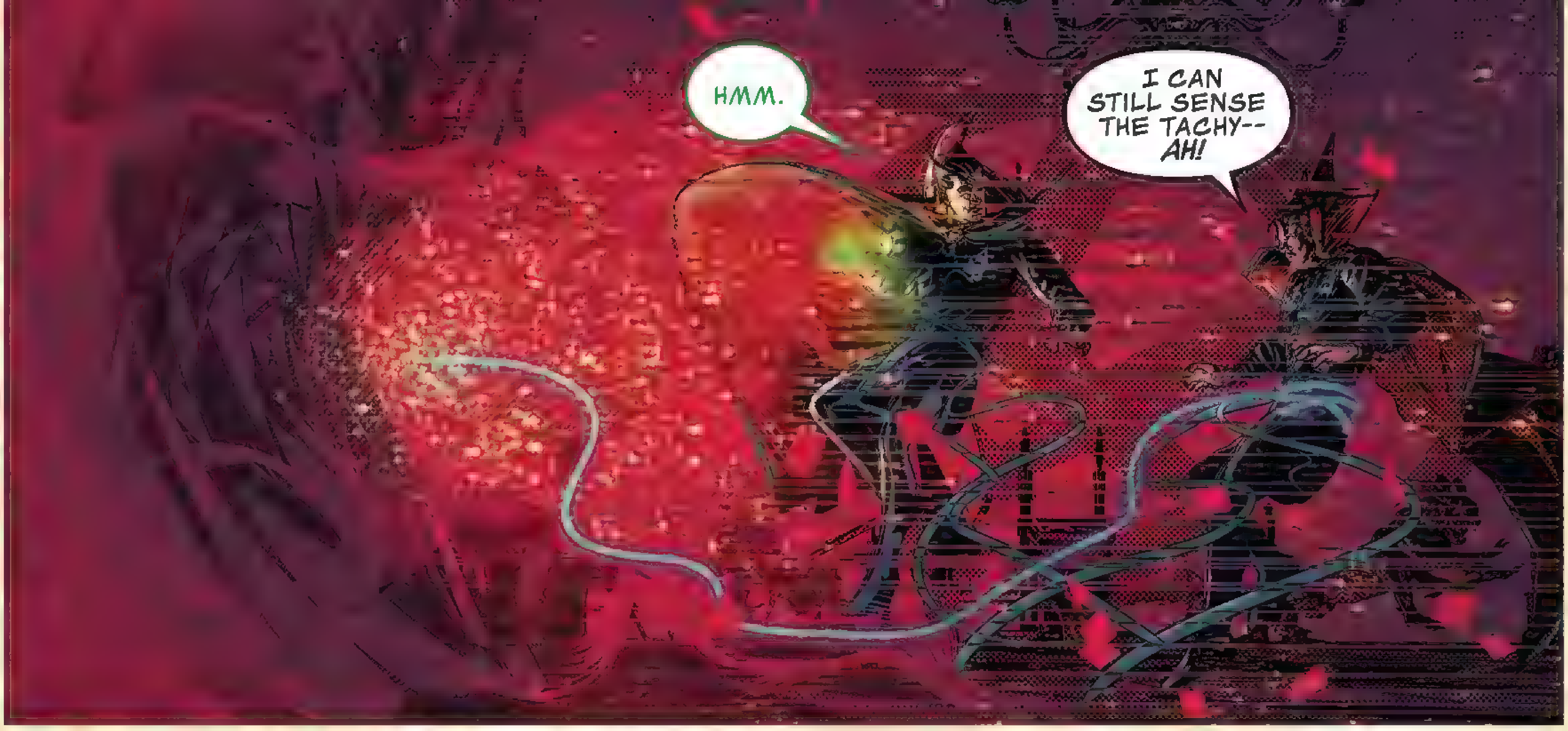
:SIGH:
NONE OF YOU EVER STOP BY THE SANCTUM WITH A LAYUP, DO YOU?
WARLOCK, THE STONES WERE *DESTROYED.*
I DON'T THINK THEY CAN BE, STRANGE.
WHAT AREN'T YOU TELLING ME?
AND WHAT *REALLY* BRINGS YOU HERE?
THE TIME STONE-- DO YOU HAVE IT?
YOU'RE... NOT THINKING ABOUT ASSEMBLING THE STONES, ARE YOU?
NO, BUT--
GOOD. THIS IS SOMETHING I PICKED UP IN MY RECENT TRAVELS. THE ROPES OF THE XIAND NOMADS--
--TETHERS CAPABLE OF SPANNING DIMENSIONAL DOORS.

HOW DID YOU FIND THE SOUL STONE?
I RETRIEVED IT FROM ULTRON. I HAD SOME HELP.
THE PORTAL TO SOUL WORLD IS OPENING. AFTER YOU.
NO, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THE FIRST TRIP. SEE IF THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED WITHIN THE STONE.
VERY WELL.
AND, ADAM... WHEN YOU RETURN, I EXPECT TO HEAR WHY YOU'VE NOT MENTIONED YOU WERE JUST WITH KANG. I CAN STILL SENSE THE TACHYONS.
HOW IS IT INSIDE?
BEAUTIFUL.
REALLY?

NO.
WAIT. SOMEONE'S COMING.
HEY!
WHY DO YOU RUN?
IT APPROACHES!

STAY BACK!
I'M POWERLESS?!
WARLOCK? FOLLOW THE LINE BACK!
STRANGE, DON'T COME IN HERE!
WELL, NOW I KIND OF HAVE TO.
YAAARGH!
BY THE HOARY HOSTS!

I'D HOPED TO KEEP THE TIME STONE SECRET...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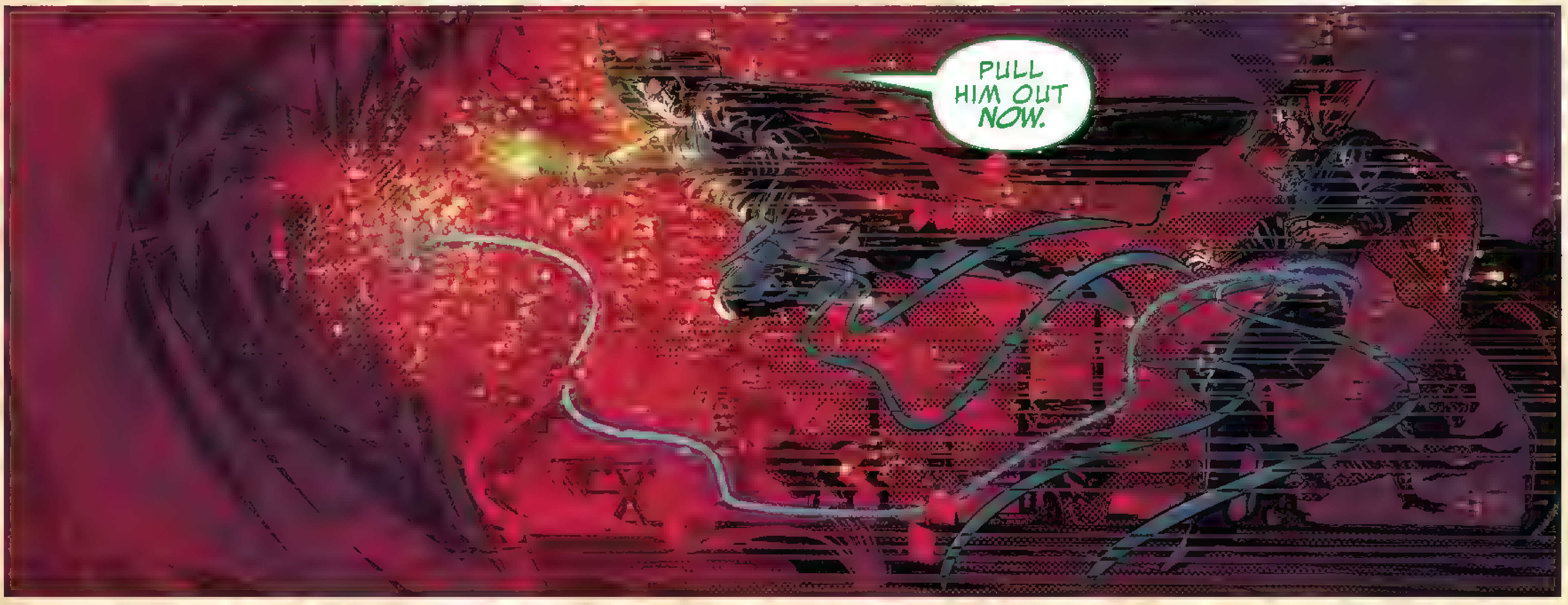
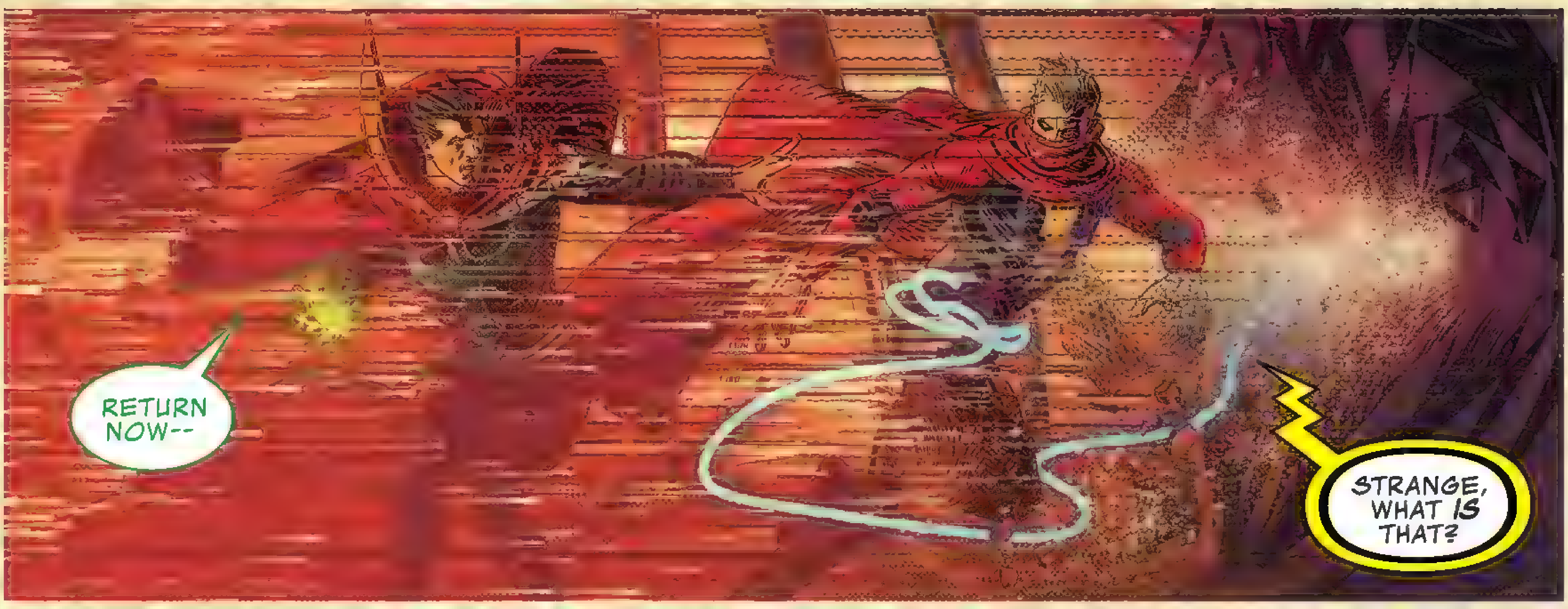
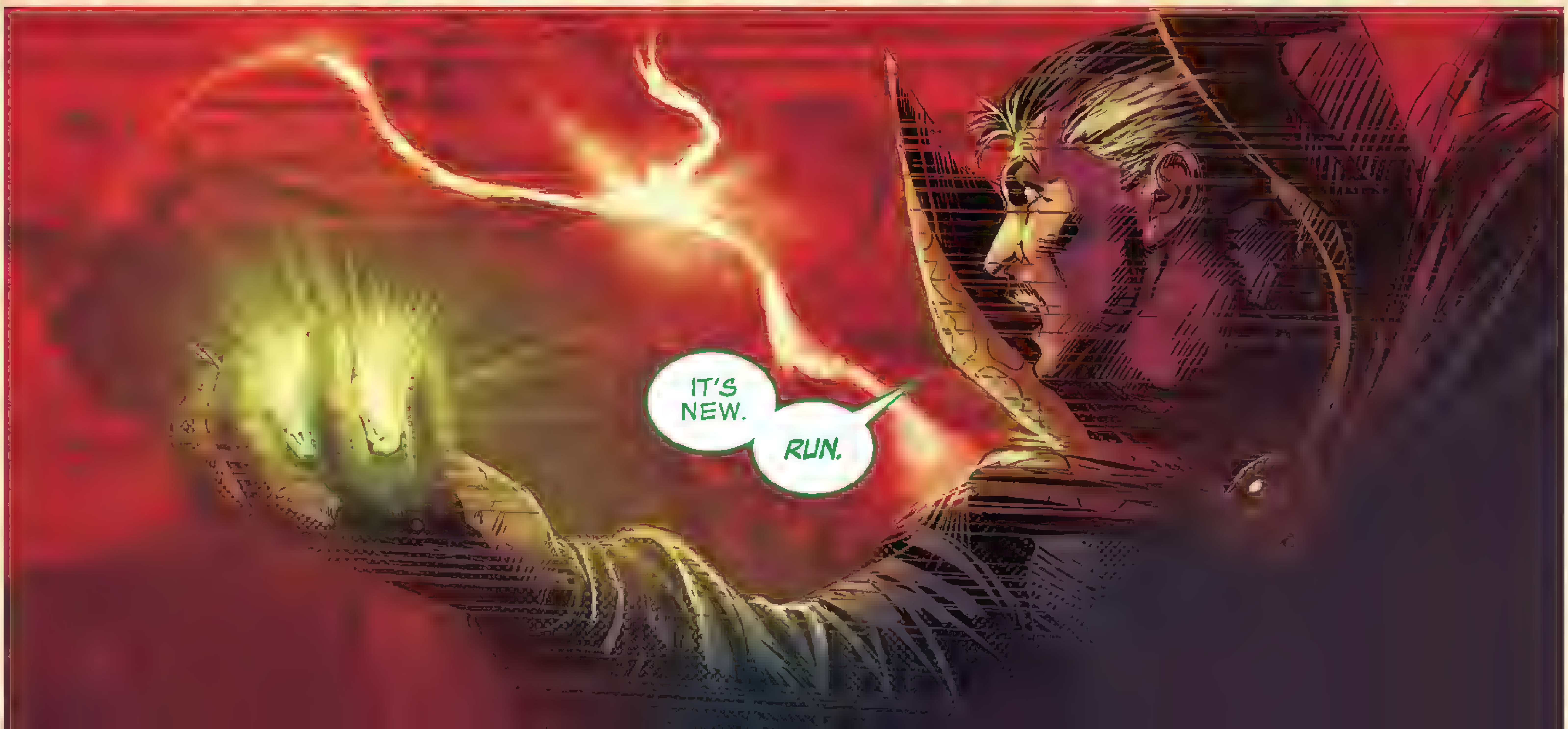
I CAN STILL SENSE THE TACHY-- AH!


PULL HIM OUT NOW.


RETURN NOW--
STRANGE, WHAT IS THAT?


IT'S NEW.
RUN.

YOU HAD THE TIME STONE BUT DIDN'T TELL ME.
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME **KANG** UBERED YOU TO THE PRESENT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. WHAT **WAS** THAT BACK IN THE SOUL GEM?
A REASON TO DRINK.
WHEN GAMORA VISITED NOT LONG AGO, SHE SHOWED ME SOME OF SOUL WORLD THROUGH HER DREAMS, BUT...IT'S WORSENED SINCE THEN.
THAT IS WHY I COULD NOT LET THE GAMORA FROM THE STONE CROSS OVER.
PERHAPS THE SOUL GEM IS SAFER HERE WITH ME, WHERE I CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO--
***YOU'RE*** NOT ASSEMBLING THE STONES, ARE YOU, STEPHEN?

THE SOUL GEM IS *MY* RESPONSIBILITY.
WHAT DID KANG WANT IN RETURN FOR HIS HELP?
YOUR *TIME STONE.*
GOODBYE, ADAM.
KANG WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE LOOKING, STEPHEN.

HE WILL COME.
THANOS.

CHITAURI PRIME.
I FEAR NO DEATH BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE AND MET THE MONSTER I AM TO BECOME.
I WILL WIN.
I AM THANOS, LORD OF ALL THERE IS AND CONQUEROR OF THE CHITAURI HOMEWORLD.
HEAR ME, WORMS. THE INFINITY STONES ARE BEING GATHERED.
YOUR WARBRINGER COULDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO PICK UP THE POWER STONE.

THE STONES WILL BE *MINE* AGAIN--
--AS THEY WERE ONCE BEFORE. THEY ARE *MINE* IN EVERY *REALITY.*
WHEN I WRAP MY HANDS AROUND WARBRINGER'S NECK, HIS DEATH WILL BE SLOW AND PAINFUL, AND WHEN HE BEGS FOR MERCY HE SHALL FIND NONE.

ARISE, YOU SOULLESS DREGS!
YOU WILL WAGE WAR UPON MY ENEMIES, AND WHILE YOU BURN THE GALAXY I WILL CRUSH THE LIFE FROM THE ONES WHO WIELD THE STONES, AND WHEN MY GAUNTLET IS REASSEMBLED--
--MY WILL SHALL BE DONE!
NONE SHALL OPPOSE ME.

URRCKK!

AAAARGH!
WH-WHO DARES?!
HEH. I WONDERED WHEN YOU...
NO MATTER. THAT BLADE. I KNOW THE DESIGN WELL...YOU'RE HERE TO CONDUCT MY *REQUIEM* WITH IT?
ALWAYS SO GRANDIOSE.

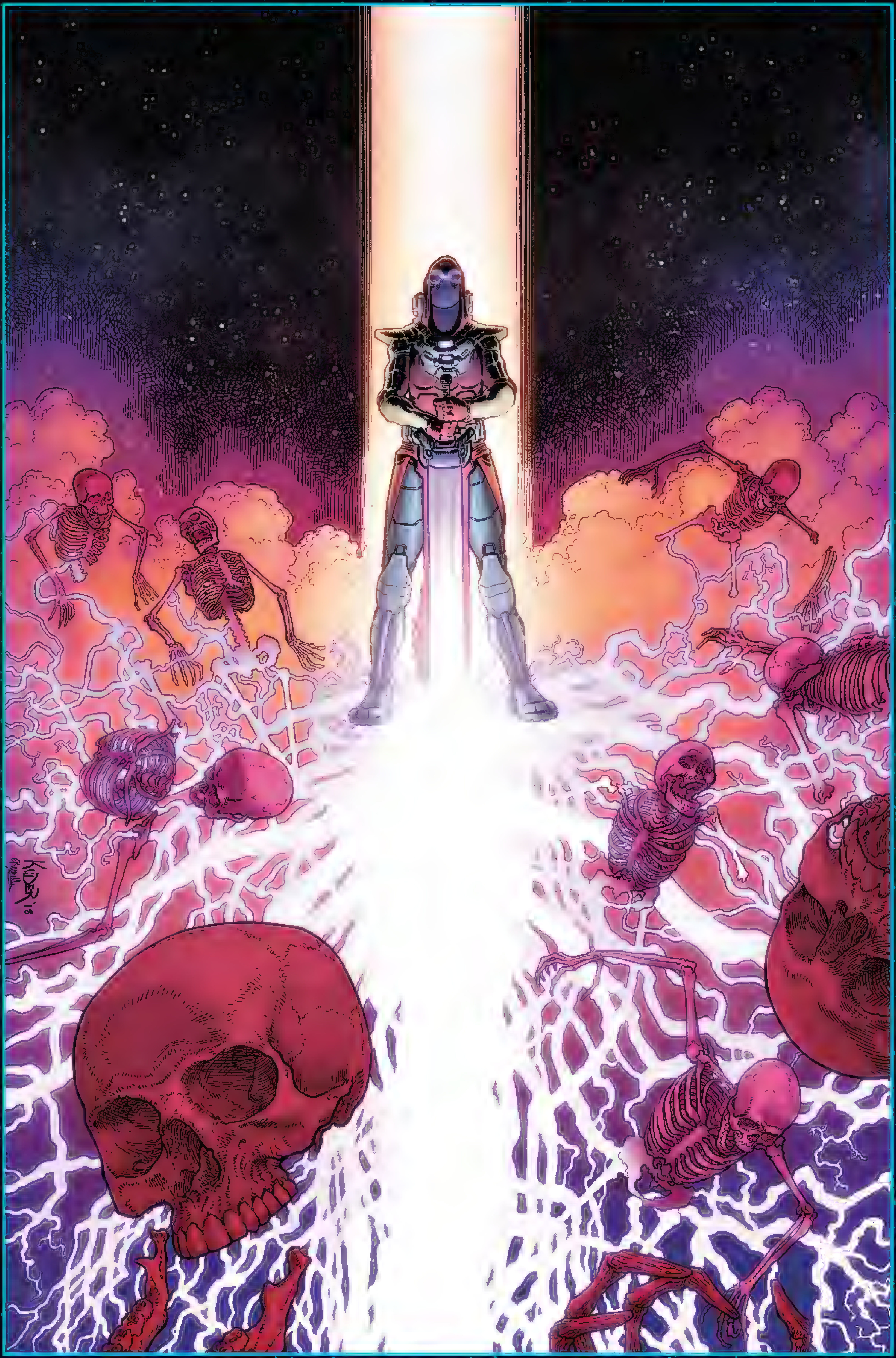
I'M JUST HERE TO *KILL* YOU.

THIS IS A FINE DEATH.
THE FUTURE I DREADED IS NO MORE.
AND AS THE LIGHT FADES FROM MY EYES...
...I AM MADE WHOLE.

BY THE RULES OF COMBAT, WE ARE YOURS TO COMMAND, MASTER.
I HAVE ONE NEED OF YOU...
DEET
DIE.
:GASP:
HUUURRCKK!
ACKKCKK!

THANOS ASKED IF I WAS TO CONDUCT HIS REQUIEM
AND SO I HAVE
BUT MY WORK IS FAR FROM DONE
MY FUTURE IS BLANK

...NOW THAT THE PAST IS DEAD.
SKRUNCK



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INFINITY WARS #1 VARIANT

INFINITY WARS 1

A PIECE OF ME IS MISSING...

I KNOW.
I **BELIEVE** YOU.
I'M SORRY IT DIDN'T GO YOUR WAY.
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
YEAH. PRETTY MUCH. ROCKET AND GROOT FEEL THE SAME, AND HELL--DRAX QUIT TO GO BABYSIT THE SOUL GEM.
WITH THIS POWER STONE...WE COULD **FORCE** THE ISSUE.
I COULD OPEN THE SOUL GEM AND BE REUNITED WITH THE PIECE OF ME THAT'S MISSING.
SORRY, GAMORA. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE KILLED.

I HAD TO ASK.
DO SOMETHING FOR ME, PETER.
DON'T GO TO THE INFINITY WATCH GATHERING THAT DR. STRANGE IS CONVENING.
I HAVE NO CHOICE. YOU THINK I WANT TO BE WALKING AROUND WITH AN INFINITY STONE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?
IT'D BE, LIKE, THE LONGEST, DUMBEST SUICIDE ATTEMPT.
IT'S GOTTA BE PROTECTED. THEY ALL DO.
AND IF JOINING A NEW *INFINITY WATCH* IS THE WAY TO DO IT...
...THEN MAYBE IT WAS MEANT TO BE.
BUT MAYBE YOU AND I COULD--

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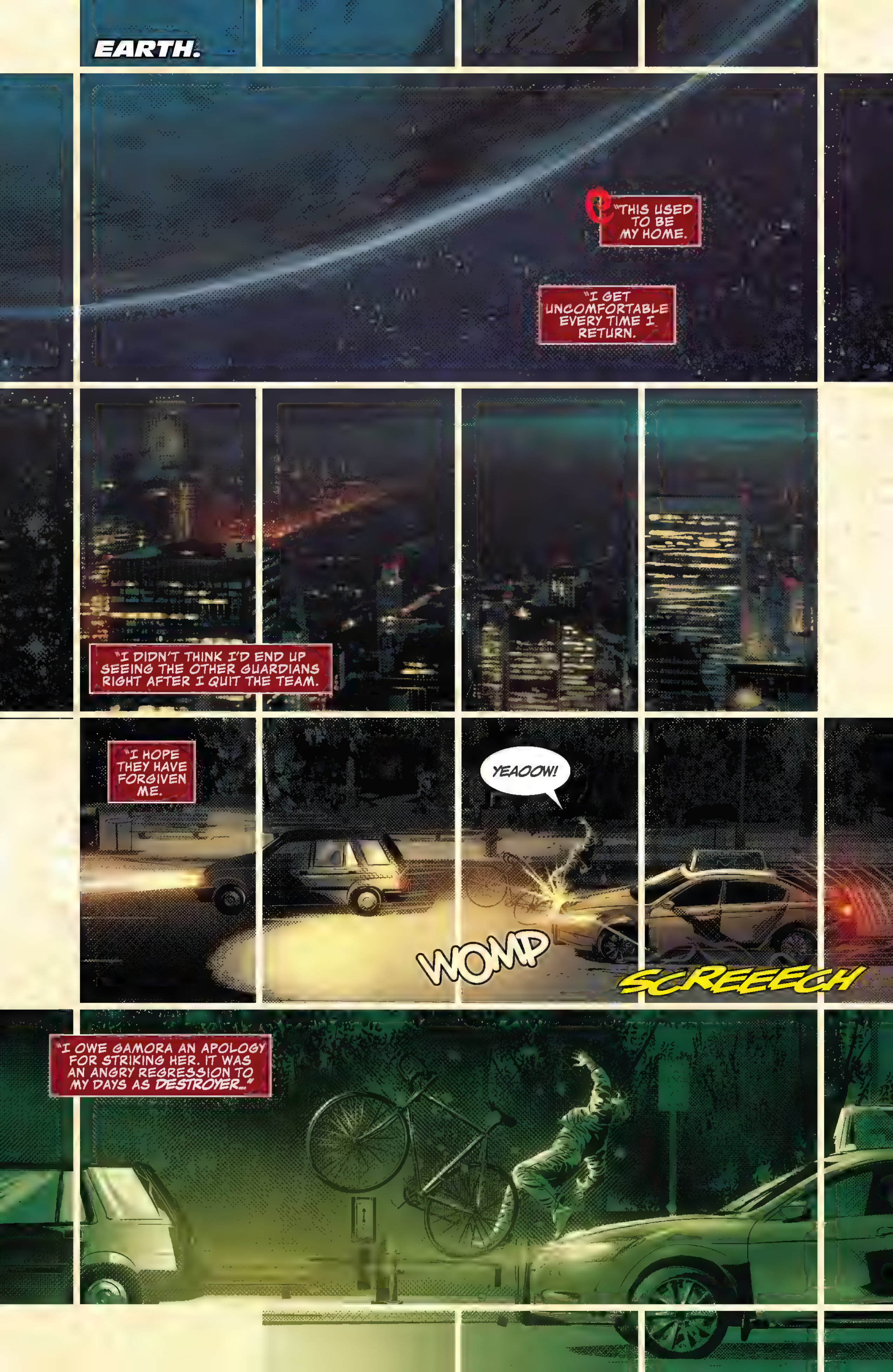
GROOT ***TOLD*** YOU GAMORA WOULD NOT JOIN US.
YOU WERE RIGHT, BUDDY.
WELL, YOU TRIED.
GROOT THINKS ANY OF US COULD HAVE FAILED.
GROOT DOESN'T BLAME ***YOU*** JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ***WEAKEST*** GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY.
THANKS, GROOT. I APPRECIATE THAT.
AND GET THIS THROUGH YOUR THICK BARK: THERE IS NO MORE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.


EARTH.
"THIS USED TO BE MY HOME.
"I GET UNCOMFORTABLE EVERY TIME I RETURN.
"I DIDN'T THINK I'D END UP SEEING THE OTHER GUARDIANS RIGHT AFTER I QUIT THE TEAM.
"I HOPE THEY HAVE FORGIVEN ME.
YEAOOW!
WOMP
SCREEECH
"I OWE GAMORA AN APOLOGY FOR STRIKING HER. IT WAS AN ANGRY REGRESSION TO MY DAYS AS DESTROYER..."

...BUT I KNEW AFTER TOUCHING THE SOUL GEM THAT SHE COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPEN IT.
I'M SURE YOU WILL MAKE IT UP TO HER, DRAX.
AND NOW I SEE WHY YOU'VE PAUSED TIME, IRON LAD.
IS THIS PERSON SOMEONE IMPORTANT?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IF WE SAVE ONE LIFE, WE SAVE AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE.
I'M SURPRISED DR. STRANGE IS AGREEING TO LET A YOUNG KANG ATTEND THIS GATHERING.
DESPERATE TIMES.
WHAT IF THIS MAN IS SUPPOSED TO DIE HERE?
SKRACK
NO PARKING LOADING ZONE
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU DIED?
HNNH. SHUT UP, KID.
"IF THE SHOOTING STARTS, AIM FOR THE ONES HOLDING THE GLOWING MAGIC ROCKS."

AND IF I POINT AT SOMEBODY AND SMILE--
--THAT MEANS THEY'RE ABOUT TO ATTACK US--SO TAKE 'EM OUT.
THEY PROMISED THE PARK WOULD BE *EMPTY.*
SHOULD I KILL THE CYCLIST?
NAH, I JUST PEEKED INSIDE HIS MIND. HE'S JUST A CYCLIST.
YEAH, BUT THEY REALLY SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC.

"WHATEVER. WE'RE LATE."
BLAMM
GROOT RETURNS TO EARTH!
WHEN GROOT WAS FIRST ON EARTH MANY YEARS AGO...
...GROOT PROMISED TO MARCH ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET AND DOOM ALL WHO DARED TO OPPOSE GROOT.
FROM WHAT I HEAR--THAT WOULD BE A BIG IMPROVEMENT THESE DAYS.
I **HATE** THIS PLACE.

BELVEDERE CASTLE.
IN CENTRAL PARK.
SORRY I'M LATE, DOCTOR.
NOT AT ALL. IN FACT...
...YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME, CAPTAIN MARVEL.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. HOW'S YOUR KREE SITUATION?
THEY'RE TIRED OF BEING PUNCHED. PROBABLY.
WHERE ARE THE OTHER AVENGERS, DOC?

OUR FRIENDS ARE WITH US.
GIVEN WHAT THE AVENGERS HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH HERE THIS EVENING, WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO KEEP A FEW BIG GUNS OUT OF SIGHT.
BEING HONEST, I'M NOT SURE WE SHOULD BE HAVING THIS MEETING ON EARTH.
NO ARGUMENT. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE INVITEES WERE NOT COMFORTABLE LEAVING THE PLANET.
I SEE TURK HAS BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS...THAT IS *REGRETTABLE.*
HAW HAW!
HAW! DO YOU GUYS SEE IT, TOO?
IT'S A RACCOON WITH A GUN! AND IT'S IN A TREE!!!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
HEY, I THOUGHT WE SAID "NO GUNS"?
GROOT'S FRIEND ROCKET ALWAYS HAS A WEAPON.
THEY TALK!!! THEY *FREAKIN'* TALK!

THAT'S ENOUGH.
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. SOME OF YOU HAVE CROSSED THE STARS TO BE HERE THIS EVENING.
THIS IS THE FIRST GATHERING OF A NEW ***INFINITY WATCH.***
CAPTAIN MARVEL WIELDS THE REALITY STONE. MR. TURK BARRETT POSSESSES THE MIND STONE.
PETER QUILL, ROCKET AND GROOT HOLD THE POWER STONE.
ADAM WARLOCK, DRAX AND IRON LAD ARE THE PROTECTORS OF THE SOUL GEM, AND I HOLD THE TIME STONE.
WHEN WE SPOKE YOU SAID THERE WERE ***SIX*** STONES, BUT YOU'RE ***LIGHT.***
I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE WIELDER OF THE SPACE STONE IS WITH US, BUT AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT REMAINS UNSEEN.
WE HAVE MUCH TO DECIDE, AND LITTLE TIME ON THE CLOCK.
THIS GATHERING OF THE STONES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTRACT UNWANTED ATTENTION. WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THANOS--
--AND TO COMPLICATE MATTERS, THERE IS A CORRUPTION IN THE SOUL GEM THAT POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO OUR REALITY.
ZZZZZZ! ***BORING!!!***
WHERE'S THE SPACE ROCK?

AS YOU SUSPECTED, THEY WANT PROOF THAT YOU ARE HERE.
THIS IS *NOT* WHAT WE AGREED TO!
YEAH, WHY DOES YOUR PAL GET TO PHONE THIS MEETING IN?
THIS ARRANGEMENT IS FOR *YOUR* SAFETY. NOT HERS.
I CALL BULL--
PAFF

I KNOW WE'RE ALL EXPECTING *THEM* TO BLOW THIS MEETING, BUT I'M FINDING IT REALLY HARD NOT TO EMPTY THE CLIP AND RETIRE A HERO.
HOLD THAT THOUGHT, AND THE LINE.
WOW... I CAN'T SEE HER.
SNIFF
BONJOUR, AROUSAL.
YOU MIGHT GIVE ME A CHANCE TO KILL ANOTHER OF RED'S OLD GIRLS.

SHOULD THE SPACE STONE NEED TO CHANGE HANDS--IT IS PRESENT.
YOU'VE BEEN SUMMONED HERE TODAY BECAUSE YOU HOLD INFINITY.
LIKE IT OR NOT, AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME *THIS GROUP* IS THE NEW *INFINITY WATCH*.
WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT THAT PROTECTS THE STONES. PREFERABLY OFF-EARTH.
*PASS.*
SO YOU'RE THE GUY THAT'S BEEN LISTENING IN ON US THROUGH THE ROCKS.
NICE TO MEET THE DING-DONG BLABBING ALL HIS SECRET PLANS INTO THE MAGIC ROCK.
I'D PUT THAT LITTLE TOY DOWN.
I'M BULLETPROOF, YA MUPPET.
I FLARKIN' HATE THIS PLANET.

THERE IS MORE TO DISCUSS THAN JUST THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE STONES.
THERE IS SOMETHING... DIFFERENT AND DANGEROUS ABOUT THE SOUL GEM. THE WORLD WITHIN HAS BEEN TAINTED.
IT ALWAYS HUNGERED. NOW THE GEM FEELS... STARVED.
THE STONES SHOULD BE SEPARATED. NO ONE SHOULD KNOW THE LOCATION OF MORE THAN A SINGLE STONE.
THANOS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME FOR US, BUT... THIS MAY BE OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH HIM.
ARMED WITH ALL SIX STONES, WE MAY HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
THE REALITY STONE OPENS WINDOWS INTO WHAT IS POSSIBLE.
WHEN TIME IS SPED UP FOR REALITY, THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE ARE SHUFFLED. USED IN CONJUNCTION WE CAN SEE HOW THANOS MOVES AGAINST US THIS VERY MINUTE.
BY THE VISHANTI.

THIS IS REAL?
YES.
THANOS IS REMOVED FROM THE BOARD--BUT BY WHOM?
WHO'S THANOS?
SOME GIANT DEAD GUY, I GUESS.
THAT IS PERHAPS THE MOST UNNERVING THING WE COULD HAVE SEEN.
SORRY, BARGAIN BOWIE, I'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY UNNERVING THINGS IN MY DAY.
LET HIS HEADLESS BODY BE A WARNING TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO PURSUE YOUR CLAIM TO THE BITTER END...

"...THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE THAT WOULD SEEK TO MASTER THE STONES."
THIS IS THE SPOT MARKED IN HEIMDALL'S MAP OF THE STARS.
IS THE PLACE WHERE I FIND ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT VEXES ME?
IS THERE SOMEONE TRICKING ME? MANIPULATING ME FROM BEHIND A CURTAIN?
I KNOW NOT THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS IS WHAT'S BECOME KNOWN AS THE GOD QUARRY.
THERE ARE TALES THAT THE TRUE TREASURE LIES BELOW IN THE QUARRY OF CREATION, THE GODS BEING JUST THE TOP SEDIMENT.
LOOKS LIKE THOSE WITCHES I READ ABOUT STILL SKULK ABOUT AND CALL THIS PLACE HOME. MAYBE YE CAN PUMP THEM FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YER BEING TRICKED.
GREETINGS, I AM LOKI, SON OF--
SILENCE!

INFINITY'S END
IS
HERE!
WAIT! I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT LIES BENEATH THIS PLACE--WHAT IS THE QUARRY OF CREATION?
DO LADIES OFTEN SELF-IMMOLATE TO AVOID YOU?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR--AH!

WHAT IS HAPPENING?
NOW *THAT* IS A FINE LOKI.
ODIN'S BLOOD!
FOOM
WH-WHERE AM I? AH.
I HATH BEEN KNOCKED CLEAR INTO ANOTHER REALITY!
AND YOU MUST BE MY COUNTERPART, LOKI ODINSON.

EH. NOT QUITE.
BUT WHERE ARE ALL YOUR INFINITY STONES?
WHERE IS YOUR MJOLNIR?
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREACH INTO THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSE WITHOUT THEM.
WHAT HOPE HAVE YOU OF WINNING AGAINST REQUIEM AND DEVONDRA?
THIS UNIVERSE SEEMS DOOMED TO FALL, LIKE SO MANY OF THE OTHERS.
HOLD ON JUST ONE MOMENT, MY FRIEND. PERHAPS I CAN SECURE MY UNIVERSE'S FATE RIGHT NOW.
HIS STONES ONLY WORK IN *HIS* UNIVERSE.
NAY--I HAVE NOT TIME TO TARRY. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR WAR TO COME.
UGH. THESE DUMB RULES ABOUT WHAT ROCKS WORK IN WHICH STUPID UNIVERSE.
ONE MOMENT! PERHAPS IT'S PRE-ORDAINED THAT WE LOSE...WHAT IF YOU WERE TO HELP ME CRACK INTO THE UNIVERSE BELOW RIGHT UNDER OUR FEET?
AND ABANDON MY UNIVERSE IN ITS GREATEST HOUR OF NEED?!

HA!
CLEARLY I AM NOT CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH IN THIS UNIVERSE.
AT LEAST TELL ME HOW YOU HEFT MJOLNIR. YOU USED THE STONES TO REWRITE THE SPELL, RIGHT?
HA-HA-HA! IN THIS UNIVERSE LOKI IS THE UNWORTHY TRICKSTER?!
WAIT UNTIL I TELL SIF THE GRIM.
WELL, IT APPEARS THIS CHARMING PARLEY IS AT AN END.
AARRGH!
NAY! THIS IS NOT HOW I DIE!

C'MON, LOKI! GET YOUR HORNS IN THE FIGHT!
FOR ODIN AND BELOVED ASGARD!
WHAT IN THE NINE REALMS IS THAT?!

IT'S A SOUL-EATER, I THINK.
CAN THEY WIN AGAINST THAT THING?
TO THE GATES OF HEL WITH THEE!
YEAAAARGH!
SPLACKK
I HAVE TO FIND THE STONES.
HE SPOKE OF AN "ORIGINAL" UNIVERSE.
I MUST SEE WHO TRICKS ME, AND WHY.
YOU THINK YOU COULD DO BETTER THAN THE OTHER LOKI?
HE WAS CLEARLY *NOT* THE SUPERIOR LOKI.
MAYBE, BUT I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE *HE* WAS WORTHY OF A HAMMER.
"I THOUGHT THE PLAN WAS TO USE THE STONES TOGETHER..."

...TO HELP PEOPLE.
IF THAT'S *NOT* THE PLAN THEN WHO CARES IF AN INFINITY STONE STAYS ON EARTH?
BESIDES, THERE'S ***ALWAYS*** SOME HORRIBLE SITUATION THAT NEEDS HANDLING ON THIS HELLHOLE.
MAYBE A MAGIC ROCK WOULD HELP YOU GUYS CLEAN THINGS UP BEFORE THE REST OF GALAXY HAD TO GET INVOLVED. TAKE A HOT MOP TO THIS PLACE, YOU SLOBS.
HEY! SHUT THE @#$% UP ABOUT OUR PLANET!
THIS IS A GREAT PLANET. THE BEST PLANET YOU COULD BE ON.
THE STONES *MUST* LEAVE EARTH.
TURK, YOU HAVE AN *OPPORTUNITY* HERE.
AND NOW THAT I'M USING THE MIND STONE AGAIN, WHICH IS A TERRIBLE NAME, BY THE WAY--BUT NOW THAT I'M USING IT--I KNOW *"HAN FAUXLO"* HERE IS FAKING! THAT STONE HE HAS IS A *DUD*.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THIS IS--
OH.
CRAP.
WHAT HAPPENED?!
DID WE GET HORNSWOGGLED?
WHERE IS THE STONE?
WHERE'S GAMORA?
IT'S A TRAP!
GROOT WILL GET DIRT-MAN!
WAIT--TURK, YOU SAID YOU COULD HEAR THROUGH THE STONE--DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
YEAH...
UP.

THEY UNCORKED THE VIOLENCE DOWN THERE--SHALL WE?
THIS IS EXACTLY AS KING THOR DESCRIBED.
I *TOLD* STEPHEN HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE MIND STONE.
SKRABOOM
AAARGH!
STARK!
BE READY, AVENGERS--

...YOU HAVE INCOMING FROM ABOVE!
DAMMIT, TURK! YOU WILL REGRET THIS!
WHERE'S THAT RED-HEADED ASSASSIN?
YIELD OR BE DESTROYED!
UGHN!

GIVE ME THE STONES, AND NO ONE ELSE WILL NEED TO PAY THE PRICE.
BOOM
I DON'T INTEND HARM.
TRUST ME BY MY DEEDS.

WHO ARE YOU?
THANOS SAID I WAS CONDUCTING HIS *REQUIEM*...
...THAT'S AS GOOD A NAME AS ANY.
BOOM
SKRASHK

GROOT WILL KILL YOU FOR THAT.
SAVE YOUR LIVES.
SKRACK
RELINQUISH THE STONES.
I DON'T THINK SO.
SKRAKCK
BRAKKABRAKKAB
HOW MANY TIMES DOES THIS MAKE US WIPIN' UP EARTH'S MESS? WE SHOULDA BEEN CALLED THE ***JANITORS*** OF THE GALAXY.
WE SHOULD REALLY CHARGE THIS MUD BALL FOR PROTECTION FROM ALL THEIR HOMEGROWN THREATS--

OH--HI, GAMORA.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
I TRIED IT THE NICE WAY, PETER.
CAREFUL, STAR-LORD--THE POWER STONE IS IN THE HILT OF HER SWORD.
I GOT THIS, DOC.

LISTEN, GAMORA!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS?
YOUR FATHER IS THANOS! HE KIDNAPPED YOU AND RAISED YOU. HOW DO YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T *PROGRAM* YOU TO DO THIS?
THANOS IS GONE. I WILL OPEN THE STONE TO FIX WHAT'S BROKEN.
*NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!*
*OR WHAT?*
YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO KILL ME.
NOTHING EVER DIES, PETER.

# INFINITY WARS 2

THE DISTANT PAST.
WHY DID YOU DO THIS?
THE UNIVERSE HAS A NATURAL ORDER, GAMORA.
ONLY THE STRONGEST LIFE SURVIVES.
UGHM...
AND FATE WILL TEST LIFE FROM THE CRADLE...
...TO THE GRAVE.
THWACKK

BUT *YOU* CHOOSE TO KILL, YOU'RE NOT--
THE UNIVERSE WORKS THROUGH ME.
BUT YOU WON'T LIVE FOREVER. YOU TOLD ME THAT WHEN MY PARENTS WERE KILLED.

NO.
THERE IS ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE IMMORTALITY.
TO FATHER CHILDREN.
WE CREATE, SUSTAIN AND HELP SHAPE THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN, AND THEN WE LIVE AGAIN IN THEIR CREATIONS.
BUT SOMEDAY SOMEONE WILL TRY TO STOP YOU-- AND THEY'LL *WIN.*
YOU'RE RIGHT...

...SOMEWHERE OUT THERE THE UNIVERSE IS MOLDING THE SPECIAL SOUL THAT IS FATED TO KILL ME.

THE RECENT PAST.
SLASCHK
GRRRARGH!
SKRUNCK
AH. THE POWER STONE IN A SWORD. INSPIRED.

I IMAGINED YOU WOULD BE MORE UPSET.
IF MY TIME IS OVER, THEN I'M GLAD IT WAS MY *FAVORITE* DAUGHTER...
...WHO WROTE MY END.
HNH.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING THE NEW WARRIOR QUEEN OF THE CHITAURI.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR THEM.
THEY MAY *DIE.*
WE WILL SPEAK NO MORE, FATHER.
DON'T BE SO SURE OF THAT.
I TAKE IT WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE LOATHSOME RABBLE YOU CALL *"FRIENDS"?*
*HEH.*
REMEMBER, LOVE IS AN IMPEDIMENT TO EVERY AMBITION.

THE PRESENT.
GET OUT OF MY WAY, PETER!
OR WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME.
:SIGH:

HELLO SID, NANCY. SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
LUCKY FOR YOU, MR. QUILL, I WIELD THE *TIME* STONE.
ALWAYS-- *UNGHN*--LIFT A PATIENT WITH THE KNEES.
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU IN A MOMENT, GAMORA.

GROOT'S FRIEND QUILL IS INJURED?
NOT ANYMORE.
DI-DID GAMORA JUST ACTUALLY **KILL** ME?!
OH MY, *YES.*
RIGHT AFTER YOU DARED HER NOT TO.
IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE YOU'RE DEAD FOREVER.
I'M STILL NOT SURE WE'RE ALL GOING TO SURVIVE THIS.
SORRY, BLOOD CANNOT SIMPLY BE UNFLUNG. IT **HAS** TO GO ON SOMEONE. BACK TO YOU.
SPLAK

THIS IS NUTS. WE SHOULD BAIL.
WHERE'D FREDDIE MERCURY AN' HIS WIGGLY FINGERS GO?
LOOK OUT, TURK!
AW, CRAP!
STEP INTO MY OFFICE, MR. BARRETT.
WHOA!

WHATEVER YOU DO--DON'T TOUCH *ANYTHING* WHILE YOU'RE HERE.
I FIGURED YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WOULD JUST TRY TO JUMP THIS ROCK OUTTA MY HAND.
DON'T THINK WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED IT. AND YOU'RE VERY WELCOME FOR SAVING YOUR LIFE A MOMENT AGO.
I COULD USE *MY* STONE TO MAKE YOU GIVE ME *YOUR* STONE.
WHAT THE HELL, MAN? YOU DIDN'T...
...DOSE ME, DID YOU?

HOLD STILL-- IT'S TRYING TO DEVOUR YOUR JOY.
WHY THE CANE?
IT BELONGED TO THE KINGPIN. I HAD THIS WHOLE PLAN WHEN I SAW HIM THAT HE WAS GONNA BEAT HIMSELF WITH IT THE WAY HE USED TO BEAT ME AND--
I BANISHED IT.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN FATE, TURK?
MAYBE. YES? NO.
I DUNNO WHAT I BELIEVE IN ANYMORE.
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT: I BELIEVE IN ME.
I TRY NOT TO TEMPT FATE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
YOU WERE CLEARLY FATED TO HOLD THAT STONE...

...UNTIL *NOW.*
I NEED TO GET THE ROCKS OFF EARTH BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
THIS IS HAPPENING BACK AT THE PARK.
YOU AMASSED A FORTUNE WITH THE MIND STONE.
SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOUR MONEY. IT WON'T BE ANY GOOD IN THE FIGHT AT OUR DOOR.
AFTER I DISCOVERED YOU WITH THE STONE I WAS IMPRESSED HOW FAST YOU SNIFFED OUT WHERE THE REAL MONEY IS: THE STOCK MARKET.
WELL, YOU CAN'T GET BUSTED FOR INSIDER TRADING IF YOU'RE JUST HEARING SECRETS JUMP INTO YOUR HEAD.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, MR. BARRETT. YOU'VE GAMBLED AND *WON.* BUT--
BUT WINNING STREAKS NEVER LAST. I GET IT.
AND YOUR MONEY WILL BE WORTHLESS TO THESE OPPONENTS.
THEY'LL TAKE THE ROCK AND THEY'LL KILL YOU.
*OR* YOU COULD WALK AWAY NOW A TREMENDOUS WINNER.
LEAVE THE TABLE AND TAKE YOUR CHANCES WITH THE HOUSE WHEN THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE SPINS AGAIN. YOU KEEP YOUR MONEY *AND* YOUR LIFE.
SOLD. ON ONE CONDITION: SWEETEN THE DEAL. YOU OWE ME A *MARKER.*
I GET A FAVOR THAT I CAN CALL IN AT ANY TIME.
IF THIS WEREN'T INFINITY'S END...
VERY WELL, MR. BARRETT. I OWE YOU...A FAVOR.
*IF* WE'RE BOTH ALIVE.

WHAT HAPPENS NO-- *WHOA!*
AW MAN, WHAT IF I SOLD LOW, AND HE PUNKED ME?
*AH!*
*HOLY--*
BADOOM

NOW THAT I GOT ALL YER ATTENTION, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT--
I SHOT MY MOUTH OFF PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THIS BEING ANOTHER EARTH DEBACLE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. THIS ONE IS OUR BAD. WE'LL JUST HAVE A QUIET TEAM MEETING, AND LEAVE THIS HELLHOLE.
LOOK AT THE DESTRUCTION YOU HAVE ALREADY CAUSED!
HELP ME OPEN THE SOUL GEM AND THIS CAN ALL END!
WHEN I TOUCHED THE SOUL GEM I SAW THE HORROR WITHIN!
WHUD
WHERE'S TURK?!
UGHN!
WHEN I SEE HIM, WHOM SHALL I SAY I MURDERED?

AH!
LOOKIT HIS HILARIOUS POWER!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
I SHOOT IN ONE SPOT... IT COMES OUT THE REST!
BWAM
AW.
NOT ANOTHER ROUND OR WORD.
WHERE
IS
STRANGE?

GAMORA!
IF YOU DO NOT DROP THE POWER STONE I WILL--
--DO NOTHING.
AAAGH!
SLASHK
MY "FRIEND."
MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY. HE LIVED ONLY TO KILL ME, AND THAT JOB IS DONE.
SHUT UP!
THERE IS NO "WE"!
YOU'RE DEAD!

GROOT IS CONFUSED.
DRAX!!!
THIS ISN'T HER. IT HAS TO BE *HIM*.
COULD THANOS BE--
YES.
I DUNNO WHAT HAPPENED TO TURK OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS NIGHT. HE TOLD ME WE WERE GOING TO A FANCY CASTLE AND THERE WAS GONNA BE A NICE SPREAD. THIS SU--
POP
WHUDD
UGHN!
NAT.
NICE FINISH, CAP.
BOOM
ACHHHHHHUCHHKHUFFUFFUNH.

WHABOOM
THIS IS *MADNESS!*
CAPTAIN MARVEL, I'M SORRY--
--BUT I NEED TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN GAMORA AND THE SOUL GEM.
WARLOCK-- YOU'RE NOT GOING *ANYWHERE!*
ZAP
BWAM
CHOOM
UGHN!

WARLOCK, STICK AROUND, PLEASE. BUT I THINK GAMORA SHOULD DROP THE SWORD AND ***LEAVE*** EARTH.
I OWE HER ONE.
YES, YOU DO.

AAAGH!
WHABOOM
YOU CAN DROP THE SWORD NOW--
--OR IT CAN FALL FROM YOUR HAND WHEN YOU ASPHYXIATE.
YOU. RETREAT. DO I NEED TO GIVE A SPEECH?
NO, SIR.
CAP, GIMME A SHOT TO TALK TO HER BEFORE--
WE TRIED THAT, QUILL.
NOW STEP BACK.

GAMORA HELD HER OWN-- UNTIL SHE COULDN'T HOLD HER BREATH.
WELL DONE.
DOCTOR STRANGE-- RESTRAIN GAMORA.
THIS FEELS LIKE AN OCCASION FOR THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK.
YOU CAN HAVE THE POWER STONE, BUT WE'RE TAKING GAMORA BACK TO SPACE. END OF DISCUSSION.
I DON'T LIKE THAT. THERE NEEDS TO BE *CONSEQUENCES* FOR THIS.

OKAY, FINE-- WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE SO FAR? LET'S SEE. SHE KILLED THANOS.
WHAT TIME'S THE PARADE?
TAP TAP TAP
YOU'RE NOT THINKING THIS THROUGH, PETER.
SIGH
DAMN YOU. I DIDN'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN.
IT'S GAMORA! SHE HAS THE REALITY--

FROM START TO FINISH IT TOOK WEEKS TO SECURE THE POWER STONE.
NYAAAAAARG!
I HELD REALITY WITHIN MINUTES.
THEN SECONDS LATER I HAD TIME AND MIND.
NYAA--GAK!
WARLOCK! I WOULD SPEAK WITH YOU...
HNNGAAH..

...BUT I KNOW YOU WILL DIE BEFORE YIELDING.
SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT.
YOU'LL COME BACK ANYWAY.
YOU ALWAYS DO.

POP
GET THE SOUL STONE OUT OF HERE.
THEY DON'T REALIZE IT'S OVER.
STOP.
THE TIME STONE IS QUITE HELPFUL.
AND NOW... SPACE.
ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.
I'M SORRY.

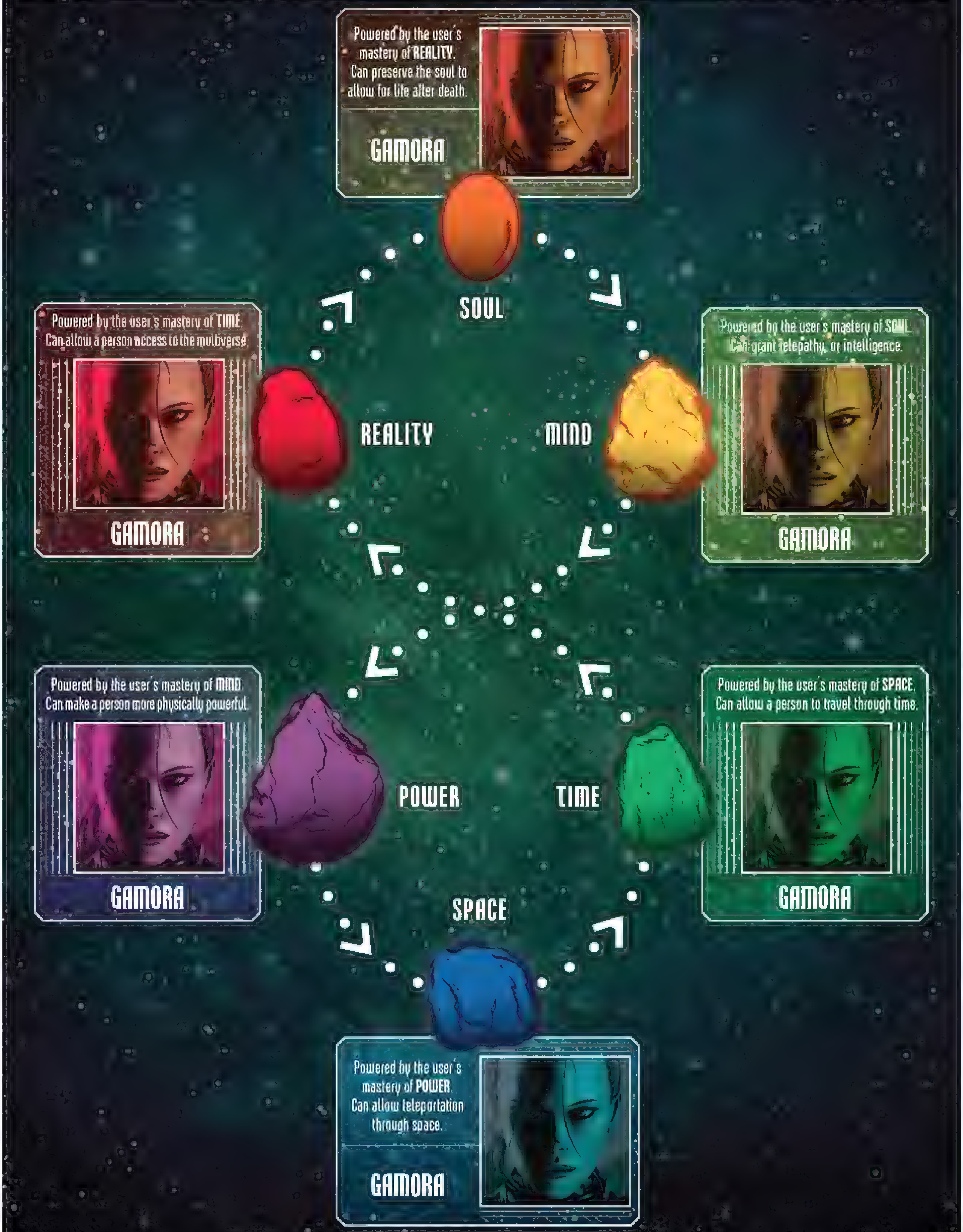
THERE IT IS. THE DOORWAY IS BEFORE ME.
WHY DO I HESITATE?
GO AHEAD.
TAKE YOUR PRIZE. NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN, AND IF IT DOES... YOU CAN ALWAYS *UNDO* IT.
HEH. ONCE AGAIN TRAPPED IN TIME, ROGERS.

AFTER MONTHS OF PLOTTING, I OPEN THE SOUL GEM.
THEY SAID ALL THIS WAS THE DESIGN OF THANOS.
THAT IS AN OLD STORY.
IT IS *NOT* OURS.
FINALLY, WE ARE WHOLE.
REUNITING WITH THE PIECE OF ME THAT WAS LOST WAS NOT THE HARD PART. NOW THE SOUL GEM MUST BE REBALANCED.
I KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE NOW. DEVONDRA MUST FEED.
STAY YOUR HAND FOR A MOMENT...

...THAT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY.
AHOY THERE.
I AM LOKI, PRINCE OF ASGARD. THIS IS MY BIOGRAPHER, FLOWA. I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU SOME COUNSEL.

# INFINITY WARS 3

# THE INFINITY STONES...


Powered by the user's mastery of REALITY. Can preserve the soul to allow for life after death.
GAMORA
SOUL
Powered by the user's mastery of TIME. Can allow a person access to the multiverse.
GAMORA
REALITY
Powered by the user's mastery of SOUL. Can grant telepathy, or intelligence.
GAMORA
MIND
Powered by the user's mastery of MIND. Can make a person more physically powerful.
GAMORA
POWER
Powered by the user's mastery of SPACE. Can allow a person to travel through time.
GAMORA
TIME
SPACE
Powered by the user's mastery of POWER. Can allow teleportation through space.
GAMORA

On their own, the stones provide great power. But when combined, they form a circuit--a positive feedback loop granting the user INFINITE power!

WAIT! DON'T KILL ME!
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON, TRICKSTER.
HA HA!
OH, FINALLY *I* MIGHT HAVE A STORY TO TELL!
FLOWA, YOU DO REALIZE IF "REQUIEM" HERE SLAYS ME THAT *YOU* ARE NEXT.
WELL, LOKI, AT LEAST ONE OF US WILL FACE OUR END LIKE A MAN.

I AM A GOD!
I ALREADY KILLED ONE TODAY...WHY NOT ANOTHER?
I KNOW A SECRET YOU DON'T.
THIS SAME STORY IS PLAYING OUT IN *OTHER* REALITIES, IN OTHER WAYS. THE HEROES--THEY GET THE STONES BACK--I'VE SEEN IT.
I DON'T OFTEN SAY THIS, BUT YOU REALLY MUST BELIEVE ME.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
AH.
YOU WERE JUST AT THE GOD QUARRY--NO, THERE'S SOMETHING *UNDER* THAT. THE QUARRY OF CREATION?

VERY SMART. I, THANOS OF TITAN, WOULD ALSO TAKE LOKI AT HIS WORD.
I DON'T TRUST--
--ANY OF YOU.
I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE PAST IS IN THE PAST.
HOWEVER, I SAW THE PROOF AT THE QUARRY.
YOU KNOW, YOU *COULD* USE THE STONES TO PEER INTO THE NEXT THREAD OF REALITY.
I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT YOURSELF.
QUIET.
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOT...AN UNSEEN PUPPET MASTER PULLING YOUR STRINGS?
WELL, EVERYONE IS HAVING THEIR TROUBLES.

"In the next universe it seems Gamora and Requiem aren't even a single entity."
I'M ONLY MASTER OF *THIS* UNIVERSE. I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT LOSING CONTROL HERE...
...ESPECIALLY BECAUSE PHYLA AND MOONDRAGON ARE BOTH *DEAD* HERE, AND NOT BY MY HAND.
HOWEVER, I'M INTRIGUED BY THE BOUNDARY AT THE QUARRY OF CREATION...I WILL INVESTIGATE WHY I CANNOT SEE BEYOND THAT PLACE.
I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOU.

I KNOW THE WAY.
GO AHEAD. I KNOW YOU HAVE THE STONES. I'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.
HA. NO.
THE REST OF YOU ARE GOING INTO THE STONE.
I RELEASE TIME.

LOKI?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST TRYING TO HELP, BROTHER.
ENTER THE SOUL GEM, AND FACE JUDGMENT.
THE STRONG WILL BE REMADE.
WOW. I PICKED A BAD MOMENT TO SPACE. WHAT'D I MISS?
GAMORA'S TAKING OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
WHO'S GAMORA?
JUST PUNCH WHOEVER I PUNCH IN A SECOND.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO INTERFERE...WHEN YOU'RE CHAINED TO EACH OTHER.
BY THE HOARY HOSTS--
STOP HER!
IF SOMEONE WERE GOING TO STOP ME IT WOULD HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED, CAPTAIN.
I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT WORLD.

I SAW THE UNIVERSE AS TOO BIG.
IT NEEDED TO BE TAMED.
PRUNED BACK.
HOWEVER, I MISCALCULATED.

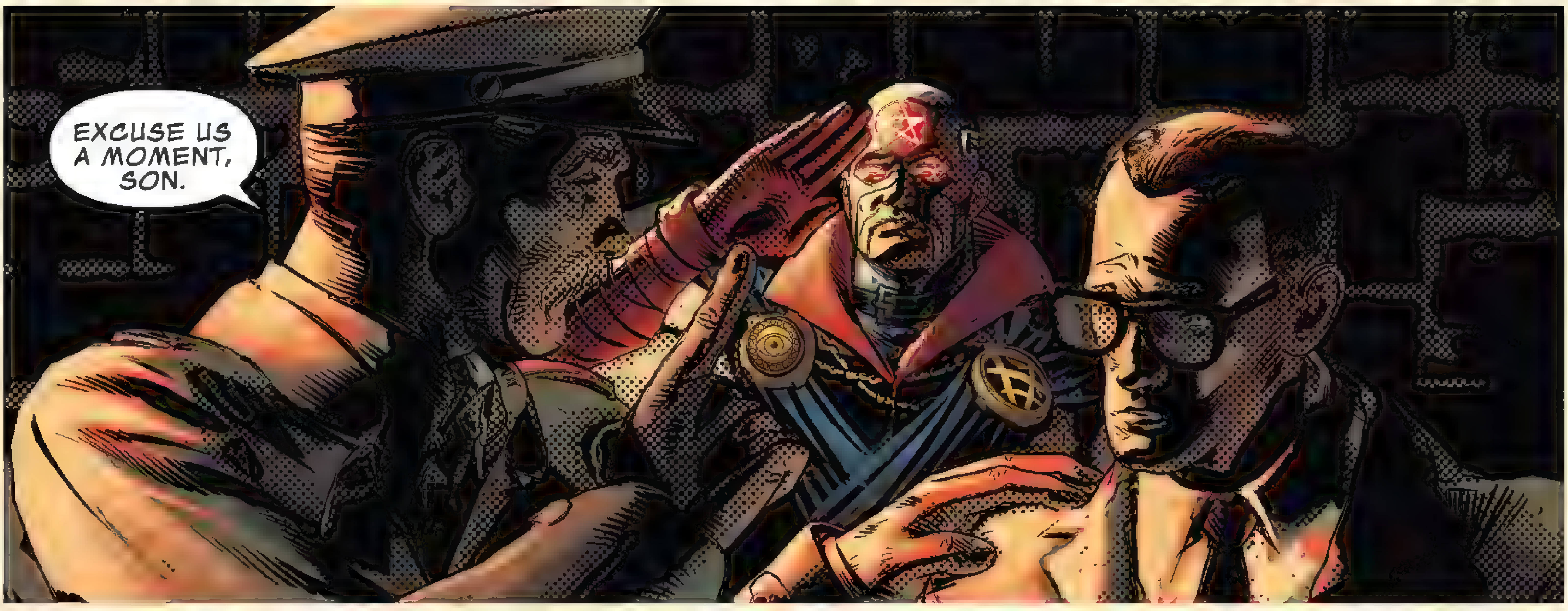
DEATH IS NOT ALWAYS THE END OF A STORY.
I THINK YOU'RE PLAYING THIS VERY SMART.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.
I'M NOT YOU--
SNAP
--AND YOU'RE NOT HERE.

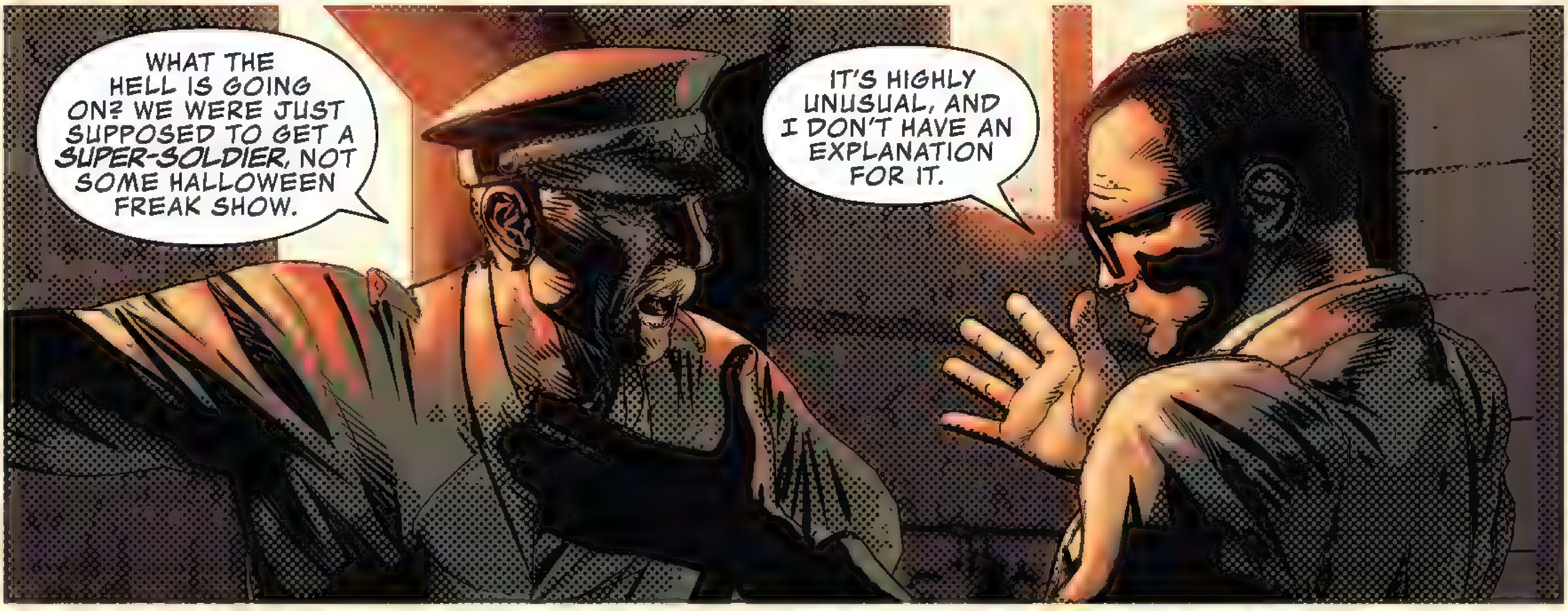
THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME.
I'M FOLDING THE UNIVERSE IN HALF.
HOW?
THE SOUL GEM IS JUST A DOOR.

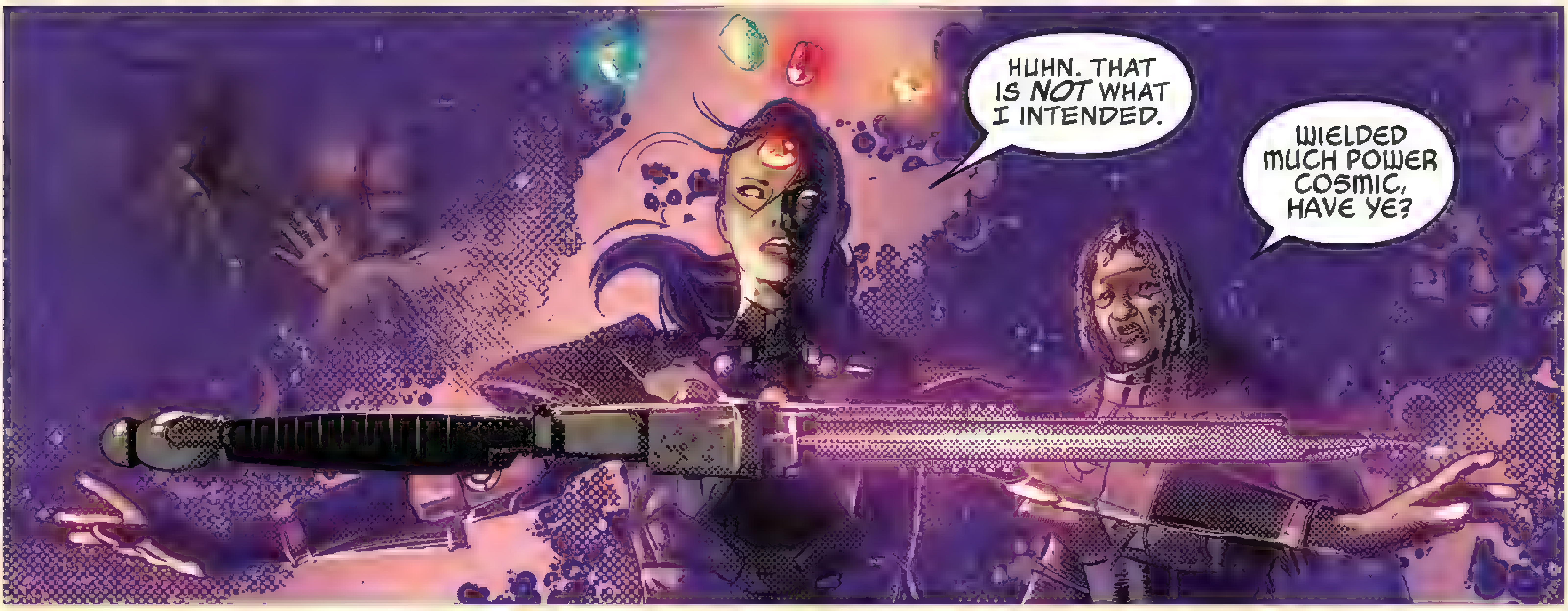
YEARS AGO,
IN THE NEWLY CREATED WARP WORLD.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
'SPLAIN IT TO ME LIKE AH'M *SLOW*, EDGAR.
WELL, SIR, IT'S ABOUT PROFESSOR ERSKINE.
IT SEEMS HER SO-CALLED "SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM" WAS A FRAUD.
AFTER SHE WAS SHOT BY THE SPY, WE DISCOVERED ERSKINE WAS NOT THE... "MAN OF SCIENCE" WE THOUGHT SHE WAS.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, I THOUGHT SHE *SUCCEEDED* BEFORE SHE WAS SHOT.
NOT EXACTLY. PERHAPS I SHOULD SHOW YOU TO HER PRIVATE LAB.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD.

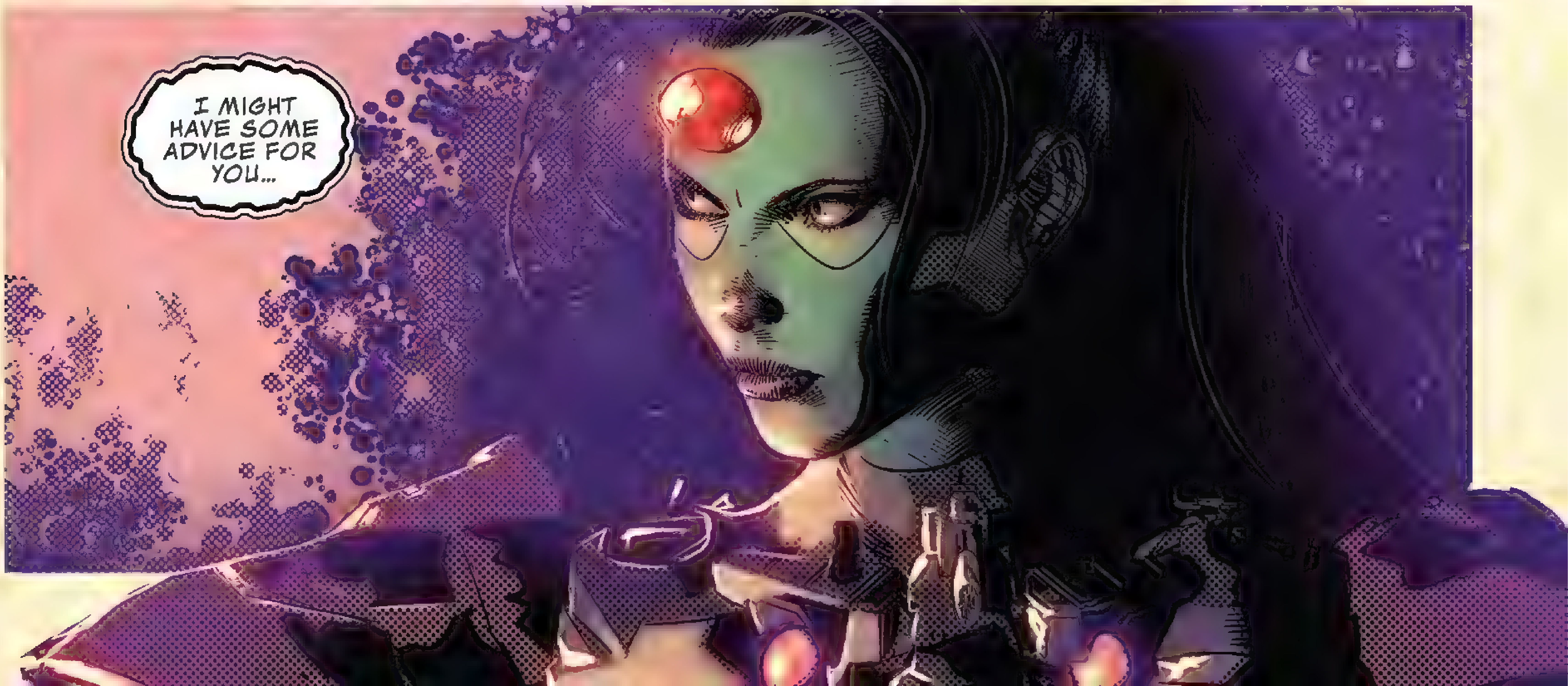
WHAT IN THE DEVIL IS THIS?
WELL, SHE PROMISED SHE WOULD DELIVER A SOLDIER THAT COULD END THE WAR.
SHE JUST LIED ABOUT WHERE HE WAS *COMING* FROM.
BURN EVERYTHING.
I WANT TO MEET HIM. WHAT'S HE LIKE?
HE'S AS *CONFUSED* AS WE ARE.

PRIVATE STEPHEN ROGERS REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR.
ONCE I, UH--GET MY POWERS *SORTED,* SIR.
FWOOSH


EXCUSE US A MOMENT, SON.


WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? WE WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO GET A *SUPER-SOLDIER*, NOT SOME HALLOWEEN FREAK SHOW.
IT'S HIGHLY UNUSUAL, AND I DON'T HAVE AN EXPLANATION FOR IT.


HUHN. THAT IS *NOT* WHAT I INTENDED.
WIELDED MUCH POWER COSMIC, HAVE YE?


I MIGHT HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR YOU...

YOUR ATTEMPTS TO WIELD THE INFINITY STONES WERE A STRING OF BLUNDERS CAPPED BY YOUR DEATH. MAYBE YOU SHOULD SHUT UP.
THERE ARE MANY DEATHS.
I WONDER WHICH YOU WILL CALL UPON YOURSELF.
I WILL HEAR YOU NO MORE.
NOW, BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING RASH, CONSIDER THAT MOST OF THE INTERESTING LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE IS CREATED BY ACCIDENT, AND YOU JUST CREATED AN ENTIRELY NEW UNIVERSE.
PLUS, BEING A *GOD?*
*NOT SO BAD.*

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE WARPED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE INTO A GIANT MESS, YOUR ENEMIES WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY PULLING THEMSELVES APART.
I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE QUARRY OF CREATION.
YOU CANNOT STAY.
*AH.* YEAH, I CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOIN'.
I CAN'T-- DON'T MAKE ME SHARE MY LIFE WITH LOKI.
YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY, FLOWA!
GAMORA, PLEASE DON'T DROP ME INTO THIS FREAK SHOW.

IRON HAMMER.
"TONY STARK PLUS THOR--MY LIVER IS DAMAGED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.
"THE ARACHKNIGHT. ALL THE INEPTITUDE OF BOTH SPIDER-MAN AND MOON KNIGHT WRAPPED INTO ONE SOUL.
ARACHKNIGHT.
GHOST PANTHER.
WEAPON HEX.
"WEAPON HEX. WHO DOESN'T LOVE MAGIC AND STABBING?
SOLDIER SUPREME.
"STEPHEN ROGERS. THE SOLDIER SUPREME. HE CAN'T DO PROPER PULL-UPS *OR* MAGIC MISSILES.
"AND...THE *OTHERS!*
"WHAT A SPECTACLE! BUT WHAT I FIND INTERESTING IS..."

...YOU.
YOUR FATHER ONCE CUT THE NUMBER OF SOULS IN THE UNIVERSE BY *HALF*...
...AND NOW *YOU* HAVE DONE THE *EXACT* SAME THING.
BUT MUCH MORE *CREATIVELY*, OF COURSE.
BUT YOU'VE CONSIDERED THIS ALREADY, HAVEN'T YOU?
DID WE?
YOU HAVE A GENUINE ADVANTAGE OVER YOUR FATHER.
YOU HAVE ME, AND MEPHISTO ISN'T HERE TO WOBBLE YOU OFF YOUR AXIS.

I AM NOT MY FATHER. I WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES.
EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW.
URK!
BUT WHY ARE THE INFINITY STONES DIFFERENT NOW?
ARE THEY A CIRCUIT NOW? IS THAT HOW THE POWER STONE WAS SHRUNK DOWN?
WAS IT MIND OVER MATTER?
I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
THE REALITY STONE WAS IN ANOTHER REALITY, THE TIME STONE IN ANOTHER TIME.
SOMEONE DIDN'T WANT US GETTING OUR HANDS ON THEM, DID THEY?
I'VE SEEN MYSELF IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE. I WIELDED MJOLNIR OVER THERE.
I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS TO BLAME FOR MY MISERY HERE. LET'S SOLVE THIS MYSTERY TOGETHER!
I WIELD THE POWER COSMIC, AND YOU THINK I'M DUMB ENOUGH TO TRUST YOU?

I REALLY MUST INSIST THAT IF YOU MUSH ME TOGETHER WITH THAT PICAROON, THEN I'D MUCH PREFER YOU JUST ERASE ME FROM THIS REALITY.
YOU'RE CHRONICLING EVENTS. WHY?
I'VE NEVER WRITTEN A BOOK, AND THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO FINALLY LEAVE A BOOK BEHIND.
YOU MAY ACCOMPANY ME.

LOKI MAY NOT.
NO, WAIT! PLEASE! LET ME RETURN TO THE QUARRY OF CREATION WITH YOU! I CAN--
NO! DON'T LEAVE ME IN HERE WITH THESE FREAKS!
OOF!

HEH.
HEH-HEH.
HA-HA-HA!
I KNOW JUST WHERE TO BEGIN.
YOU THERE, WHERE DO THE X-MEN DWELL?
GET A JOB, DRUGGIE.

THE CITY'S GOING TO HELL.
NO @#$%.
AH! GEEZ!
HEY, WHA--
"THIS IS INTERESTING."

THE GOD QUARRY.
I CAN TELL BY THE CARBON ATOMS I SEE-- THIS PLACE IS OLD.
SO--
WHAT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE THAT YOU'VE STUCK TOGETHER IN SOUL WORLD?
DEVONDRA LIVES AT THE HEART OF SOUL WORLD...
...SHE'S THE REASON THE GEM HAS ALWAYS HUNGERED. AFTER HER BELLY IS FILLED I WILL CREATE A NEW BRANCH OF REALITY.
BUT NOT UNTIL I LEARN THE SECRETS OF THIS PLACE.
THERE'S A FLOOR BENEATH US THAT I CAN'T SEE INTO.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY IMPEDIMENT TO MY SIGHT.
I NEED TO DIG.

THERE'S A MILLION MILLENNIA OF DEAD GODS UNDER OUR FEET.
WE HAVE NOTHING BUT TIME.
"HELLOOOO-- IS ANYBODY HOME?"

HELLO?
ODIN'S BLOOD!
BEGONE, HORRID CREATURE.
GO!
SORRY, I GUESS LI'L EVIL DOOPOOL LOST HIS PANTS AGAIN?
UH...

WELL, NOW. THIS IS UNEXPECTED. YOU'RE LOGAN AND EMMA, AREN'T YOU?
LOOK, DARLING, WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING-- I'M NOT INTERESTED.
IS YOUR NAME DIAMOND PATCH? CRAZY CLAWS?
I CAN'T ABIDE RUDENESS.
SNIKT
NO, WAIT!
I'M HERE FOR YOUR HELP!

AAAH!
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
HMM.
THE GOOD NEWS IS YOUR STORY CHECKS OUT.
SLAM
NO, LOGAN!
IF MY WORLD GOES, SO DOES THIS ONE!
WE NEED TO FIND ADAM WARLOCK, OR WE'RE ALL DOOMED!

# INFINITY WARS 4

I NEEDED A DRINK AFTER I SAW INSIDE YOUR MIND. IT'S ALL A BIT...MUCH.
SO THIS "GAMORA"--WHO DOESN'T EXIST IN *THIS* WORLD AS FAR AS I KNOW--SHE'S ASSEMBLED THE INFINITY STONES. AND LIKE HER FATHER--
--KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY--
--HAS HALVED THE NUMBER OF SOULS IN THE UNIVERSE, NOT BY DEATH BUT BY GRAFTING SOULS TOGETHER AND TRAPPING US IN SOUL WORLD, WHERE WE'RE TO BE DEVOURED BY AN ANCIENT SOUL EATER?
NOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I *NEED* A TELEPATH.
WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH AND NOT MUCH TIME IN WHICH TO ACCOMPLISH IT.
GAMORA PUT EVERYONE AND *EVERYTHING* I NEED RIGHT HERE IN SOUL WORLD.
IF SHE COPIED THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AND INSTALLED US INTO THE SOUL GEM...
...THEN THE *INFINITY STONES* MUST ALSO EXIST HERE.
*EXACTLY!*
NOW GO PUT ON YOUR MAGIC TELEPATHY CAP THAT YOU HIDE IN THE BASEMENT, AND WE CAN HAVE A THINK ON IT.
UH, LOOK OUT. THERE'S A SPIDER DANGLING DOWN BEHIND YOUR HEAD...

...BUT IT WASN'T THAT *LARGE* A MOMENT AGO.
LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON ITS MIND.
SNIKTPLAKK
ITS NAME IS *DEVONDRA.* ITS HUNGER FOR SOULS CAN'T BE SATED.
I FOUND AN OLD BOOK ON CREATION RECENTLY AND WHEN I ARRIVED AT A TALE OF A SPIDER THAT CREATES UNIVERSES FROM HER SILK--
--I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE PAGES WERE TORN OUT.
IT CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE.

SOMEONE'S MANIPULATED THESE EVENTS. CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED THEM. I ADMIRE THE LENGTHS THEY'RE GOING TO.
I'M GOING TO ADORE KILLING THEM.
PERHAPS... I SHALL HAVE SOME OF THAT CHILDREN'S WINE YOU'RE DRINKING.
HMM. YOU KNOW, AFTER STABBING A WATCHER ONCE, I KNOW THAT ONE DAY FAR IN THE FUTURE I MERGE WITH THE *PHOENIX FORCE.*
THEORETICALLY, I COULD SEND A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE TO MYSELF THE NEXT TIME I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAB SOMEONE WHO'S ALL GOOFED UP ON THE PHOENIX FORCE.
THAT SHOULD BE SOON, CORRECT? THAT HAPPENS *OFTEN* AROUND HERE?
*AH!*

I GOT YOUR MESSAGE.
BEIN' HONEST.
I TRIED DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT, AND THAT ENDED UP BEING A @#$%-LOAD MORE WORK. SO I GRABBED THE TIME BAT AND HERE WE ARE.
WELL, THE TWO OF US SHOULD MAKE SHORT WORK OF THIS SITUATION.
I AIN'T STAYIN'.
IF REQUIEM SEES I HAVE THE PHOENIX FORCE, IT WILL CAUSE OTHER PROBLEMS.
OH YEAH, HERE'S A ROCK.
THUD
OW.

WELL, BYE.
WAIT! YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO HAVE "*EMMARINE*" HERE STAB EVERYONE INTO LINE, DO YOU?
SPLIT THEM UP!
FINE. I'LL PULL 'EM APART, BUB.
NOW WAIT A MOMENT, DARLINGS--
FNZBOOM

I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.
I GOT SOME: CHAMPAGNE IS JUST FANCY PISS.
WHO ELSE IS WITH YOU, LOGAN?
WHO ARE THOSE WINGS OF FIRE HIDING?
I COULDN'T TRICK YOU, BROTHER.
"MY LIEGE."
LOGAN, EMMA. THIS IS MY BROTHER, THE KING AT THE END OF TIME.
QUIT STALLING AND GET THE STUPID ROCKS TO WARLOCK! HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
HEY, KING BUB, YOU WOULDN'T BE CARRYING ANY MEAD, WOULD YOU?
POP
THERE BETTER BE SUDS IN THIS HOUSE.

NOW THAT YOU'RE *YOU* AGAIN, I SUGGEST--
I'LL TAKE THAT.
I DON'T TRUST YOU AS FAR AS I CAN THROW YOU, LOKI.
WELL, WITH THE POWER STONE, YOU COULD THROW ME QUITE A DISTANCE, EMMA.
IT'S *MIND* OVER *MATTER* IN THE LEMNISCATE CIRCUIT.
NOW, WHO AM I THINKING ABOUT RECRUITING NEXT?
*KANG?*

LEMME BREW UP, AND WE'LL GET GOING.
YOU KILLED MY BEER.
SNIKT
GRRAARRGH!
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE BEST AT WHAT YOU DO. HAVE FUN BESTING THAT LITTLE NASTY.
TA!

NOW THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED THAT BARBARIAN'S CLAWS TO USE YOUR TELEPATHY-- WHERE DO WE FIND KANG?
I'LL LINK YOU TO WHERE WE NEED TO *TELEPORT.*
I'M AFRAID I'M A BIT UNDERPOWERED WHILE WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE SOUL STONE. I CAN'T FEEL THE WORLD TREE OR ASGARD.
IS KANG FAR?
NO, I'M CALLING A RIDE.
HERE YOU GO, MISS FROST.
THANK YOU, DARLING.
WHEN YOU'RE A TELEPATH, EVERY VEHICLE IS A RIDE-SHARE.
HOP ON. LET'S GO SAVE THE WORLD.
*YOU* RIDE ON THE BACK.
CAN WE COUNT ON THE LOKI YOU MET FROM THE NEIGHBORING REALITY?
I DON'T THINK MY COUNTERPARTS ARE FARING WELL...

"...AT THE END OF THEIR UNIVERSES."
I'LL SEE YOU IN HEL, REQUIEM.
NO, YOU WON'T.
HELL IS EMPTY.

PHYLA-VELL. MOONDRAGON. YOUR STORY DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE.
I HAVE *FIVE* INFINITY STONES. WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE *REALITY* STONE?
I LOVE YOU, HEATHER.
OF COURSE YOU DO.
WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE?
I'M READY TO CUT A DEAL, GAMORA.
WAIT, WHAT-- *NO!*

I HID THE STONE. THEN I ERASED MY MEMORIES OF THE EVENT.
YOU GET YOUR DUMB ROCK, AND I GET PHYLA-- BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DIG INTO MY MIND.
NO TRICKS, HEATHER.
WHAT ARE Y-- UGHN.
NOW, PHYLA!
I'VE GOT HER LOCKED IN MENTAL COMBAT-- FINISH HER.

SKRABOOM
GET OUT OF HER MIND, MOONDRAGON!
YOU CAN'T BE IN THERE WHEN I KILL HER.
IT'S TOO LATE.
SHE'S TOO STRONG...
...R-READING MY MIND...
...SHE KNOWS WHERE THE LAST STONE IS.
SHE'S ABOUT TO REASSERT CONTROL.
HOW DO WE WIN?
WE DON'T...
...AT LEAST NOT HERE.

WHILE I WAS IN HER MIND, I USED THE STONES TO SHOOT US *OUT* OF OUR UNIVERSE.
SO ARE WE ABOUT TO DIE?
MAYBE. PROBABLY.
IT'S A NICE VIEW.

WE DIE AS *DIMENSIONAUTS!*
GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY.
I'M SORRY. YOU WERE RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE JOINED THE GUARDIANS.
MAYBE THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT.
*HA!* WHATEVER HAPPENS, I--
DON'T GET ALL MUSHY ON ME NOW, HEATHER.
I HOPE--

"—THIS UNIVERSE IS DIFFERENT."
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M SUPPOSED TO BE *DIFFERENT?* THIS IS THE WAY I'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN.
I'LL SHOW YOU, MS. KANG.
DEEP BREATH.
THIS WHOLE WORLD EXISTS BECAUSE THE SOULS FROM OUR PRIME UNIVERSE WERE MASHED TOGETHER.
FORTUNATELY, TOGETHER WE HAVE THE POWER TO UNDO THIS.
WHOA.

I KNEW REQUIEM WOULD READ MY MIND. SO I IMAGINED THE PEOPLE I NEEDED HAD BEEN CRUSHED TOGETHER.
SHE TOOK THE BAIT.
ALSO, YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL WEIRD. EMMA WAS STUCK WITH WOLVERINE.
THAT WHOLE LIFE--
--IT WAS ALL JUST AN ACCIDENT.
THE MOST INTERESTING LIFE IS USUALLY MADE BY ACCIDENT, DARLING.
HELLO AGAIN, KAMALA. WE'RE PUTTING A TEAM TOGETHER.
WELCOME ABOARD.
YOU STAND WITH KANG THE CONQUEROR!

WHO ELSE COULD YOU POSSIBLY NEED?
LITTLE MONSTER NO JOIN YOU!
OH, I THINK WE COULD MANAGE TO MAKE YOU IF NEED BE.
IS THIS HIM WHEN HE'S BIG AND ANGRY?
WHOMP
GAH!
ORDINARILY I'D LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN, BUT I'M HOLDING THE POWER STONE, AND WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT ON TIME, SO PREPARE FOR A JOLT.

UGH!
WHOA, THAT WAS CRAZY. THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS THE BUFFET CLOSING EARLY BUT NOT GETTING A REFUND.
IN A LIFE OF WEIRD EXPERIENCES, THIS ONE IS UP THERE.
LET'S COME UP WITH A PLAN.
WE HAVE ONE...AND YOU'RE NOT A PART OF IT.
CIAO, BRUCE.
WE NEED THE *OTHER* GUY.
WAIT, HE WON'T--

WHATEVER THIS IS--I ALREADY *HATE* IT.
YOU'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE UNIQUELY SUITED TO WIELD AN *INFINITY STONE*--WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.
I'LL EXPLAIN MORE ON THE WAY--
I DON'T WANT TO USE AN INFINITY STONE.
I DON'T CARE.
EMMA, HELP KANG PINPOINT OUR LAST MEMBER.

WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS WHAT SOUL WORLD **REALLY** LOOKS LIKE AT THE MOMENT.
NOW THIS...I KINDA DIG.
YES, WELL, I CAN SEE WHY-- EVERYONE TRAPPED IN HERE IS AT RISK OF BEING DISSOLVED BY AN ANCIENT HORROR.
WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
*ADAM WARLOCK!* HE'S THAT WAY--
--AND HE'S IN TROUBLE!

OH NO. IT'S SO GROSS.
AAHRRG!
SAVE YOURSELVES... RUN!
I'LL GO LOW.
ITS LEGS FEEL DISGUSTING!
I'LL GO HIGH.
WHABOOM
MMPH!

THIS IS HORRIBLE!
IT JUST...ATE HIM!
GET IN THE GAME, LANG.
WHAK
OH, C'MON!
DO WE NEED THIS WARLOCK?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM!
ISN'T HE FAMOUS FOR BEING DEAD?
DON'T MAKE ME TAKE OVER YOUR BODY.
I KNEW I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GONE TO SPACE.
I AM SO DUMB.
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D REALLY DO THAT.
AVENGERS ARE THE DUMBEST.
PERHAPS IF I SECURE THE TIME STONE, WE SHOULD TRY TO COME BACK AND UN-KILL THEM BOTH?

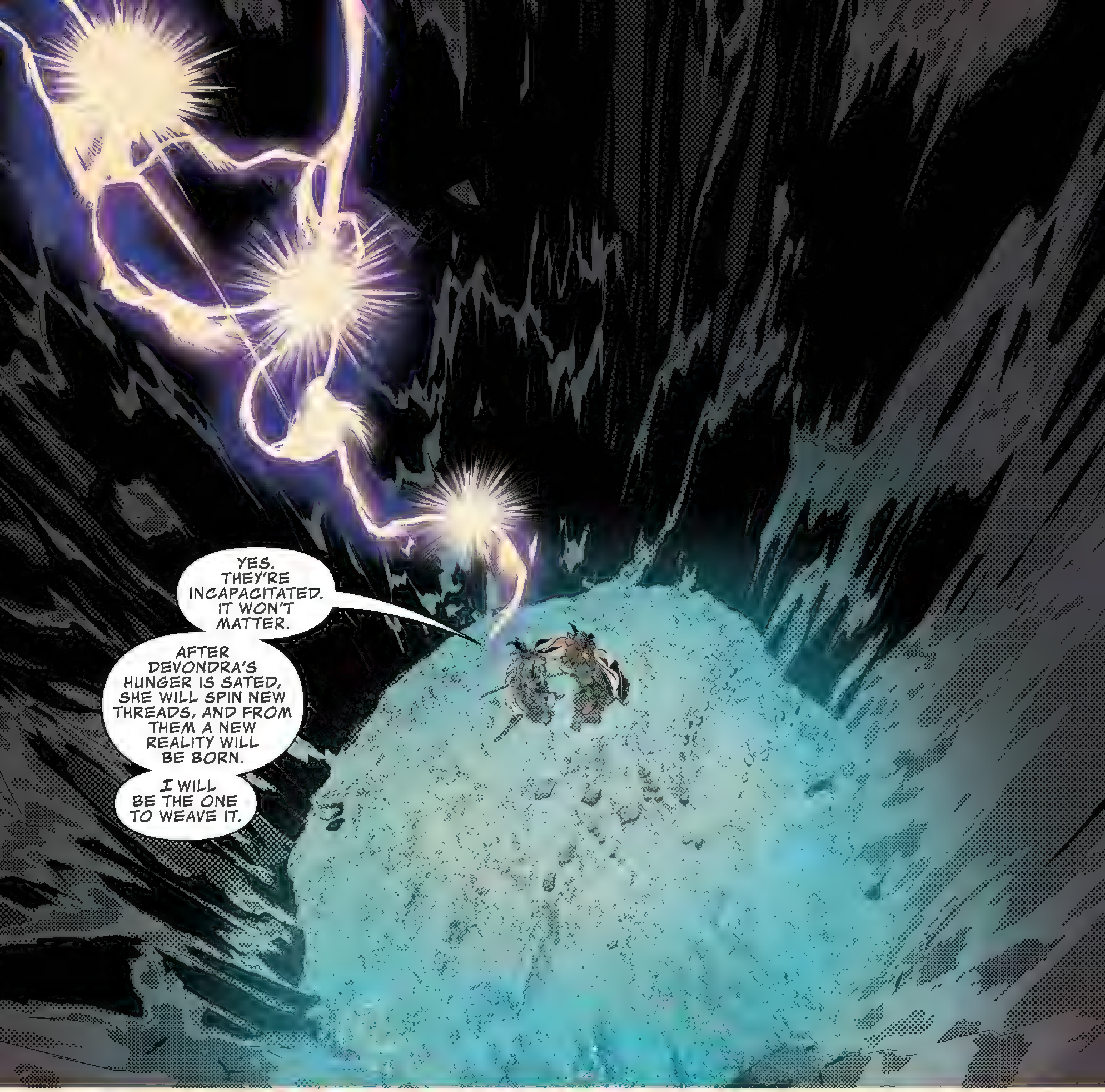
GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!
WHAT A BABY.
HORRIBLE...SO HORRIBLE.
AT LEAST IT'S DEAD.
LOOK AGAIN. IT'S PULLING ITSELF TOGETHER.

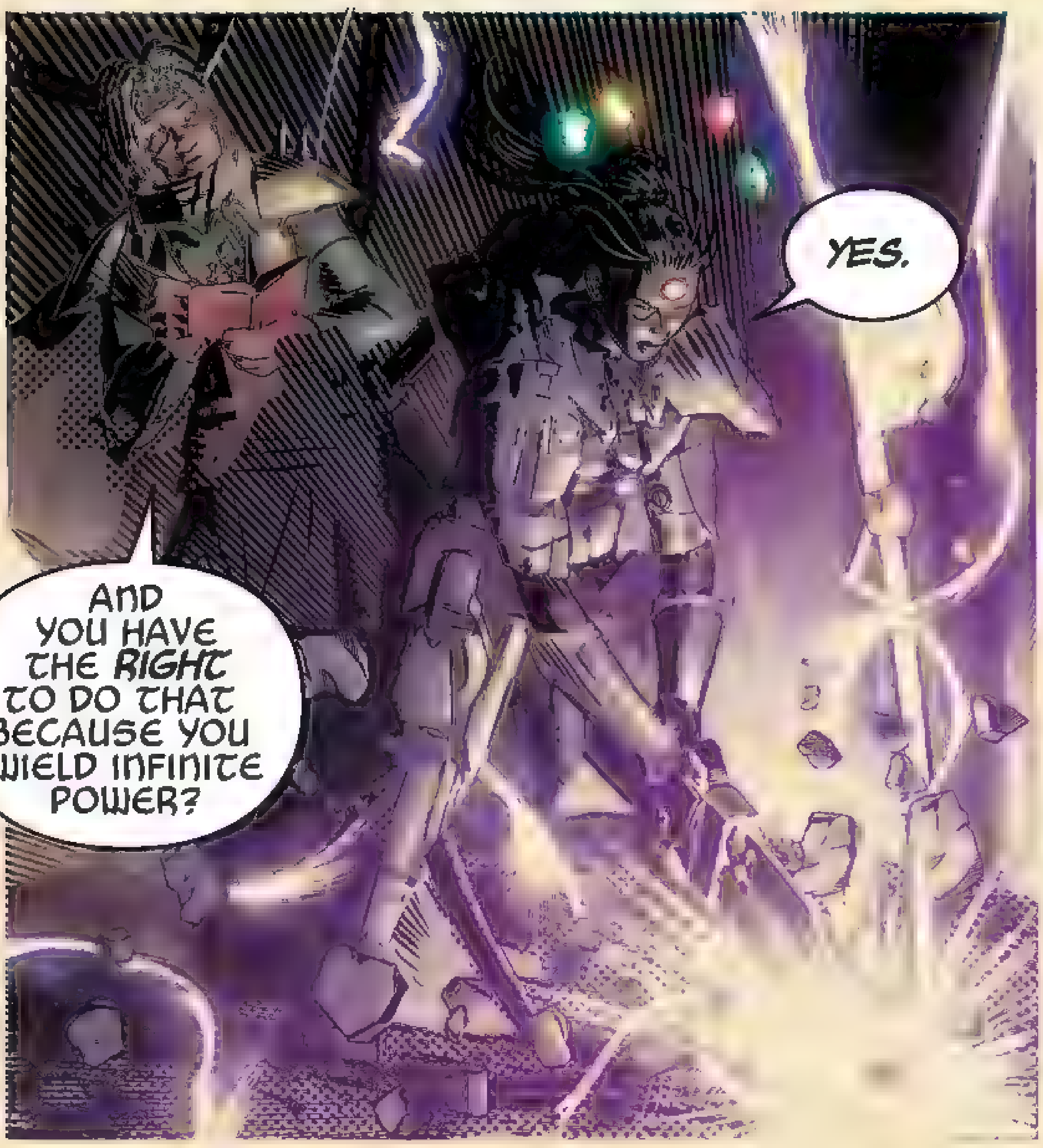
IMPRESSIVE.
WE NEED EVERYONE HERE RIGHT NOW TO FIGHT DEVONDRA.
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE OTHER PLANS. I NEED YOU TO SHOW US THE DOOR OUT OF SOUL WORLD. NONE OF THIS MATTERS IF WE DON'T GET THE INFINITY STONES BACK FROM GAMORA.
WE NEED TO FACE GAMORA--OUT IN THE REAL WORLD.
YOU'RE LEAVING?!
ARE YOU INSANE?
THE FIGHT IS HERE!
THE FIGHT IS ALSO OUT THERE AGAINST REQUIEM.
YOU NEED HEROES. WE NEED A WAY OUT OF HERE.
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

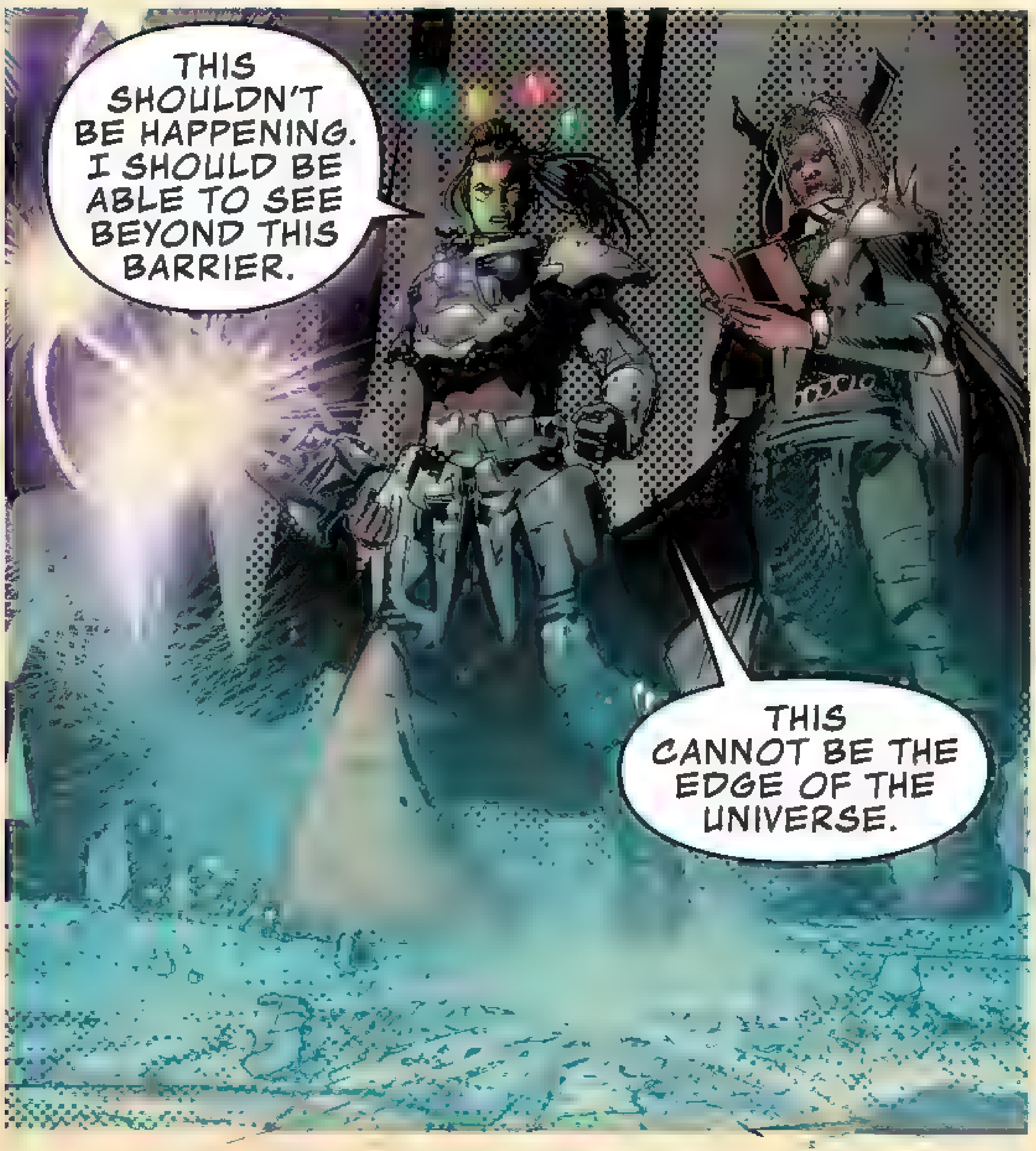
TO ME, MY HEROES.
YOUR LIVES ARE IN THE BALANCE.
WE NEED MORE HEROES.

"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
THIS IS CAPTAIN ROGERS--I'M INBOUND.
"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
ME TOO-- AS SOON AS I SECURE THE BUGLE.
"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
THESE THINGS KEEP COMING.

"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
WE NEED MORE HEROES.
HEY, YOU OKAY, ART?
YOU WERE DESTROYING, MAN.
WE NEED MORE HEROES.
MORE.
HEROES.
"WON'T THE HEROES MOUNT A DEFENSE?"

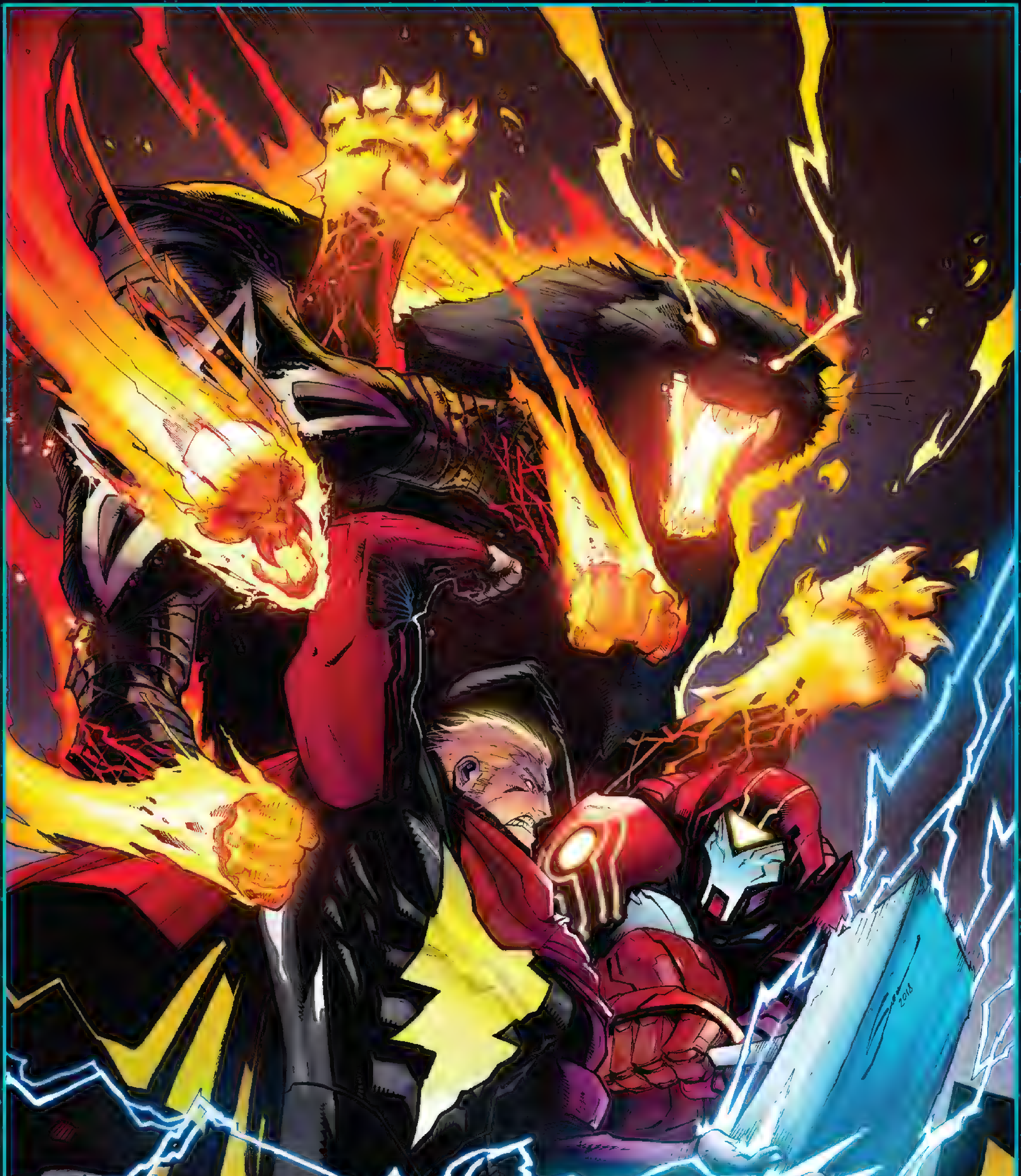

YES. THEY'RE INCAPACITATED. IT WON'T MATTER.
AFTER DEVONDRA'S HUNGER IS SATED, SHE WILL SPIN NEW THREADS, AND FROM THEM A NEW REALITY WILL BE BORN.
*I* WILL BE THE ONE TO WEAVE IT.


YES.
AND YOU HAVE THE ***RIGHT*** TO DO THAT BECAUSE YOU WIELD INFINITE POWER?


THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE BEYOND THIS BARRIER.
THIS CANNOT BE THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE.

PERHAPS THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR INFINITE POWER, BUT INFINITE *FINESSE?*
I NEVER MADE IT THIS FAR, DAUGHTER.
PERHAPS IF I WERE TRULY HERE WITH YOU NOW, I COULD--
*NEVER.*
WELL, IT WAS JUST A THOUGHT.
ANYWAY, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T BREACH OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE, WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT SHOULD BE TRULY WORTHY OF SONG.
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
*THEY DO.*

BEHOLD: INFINITY'S END.
THE WATCHERS.



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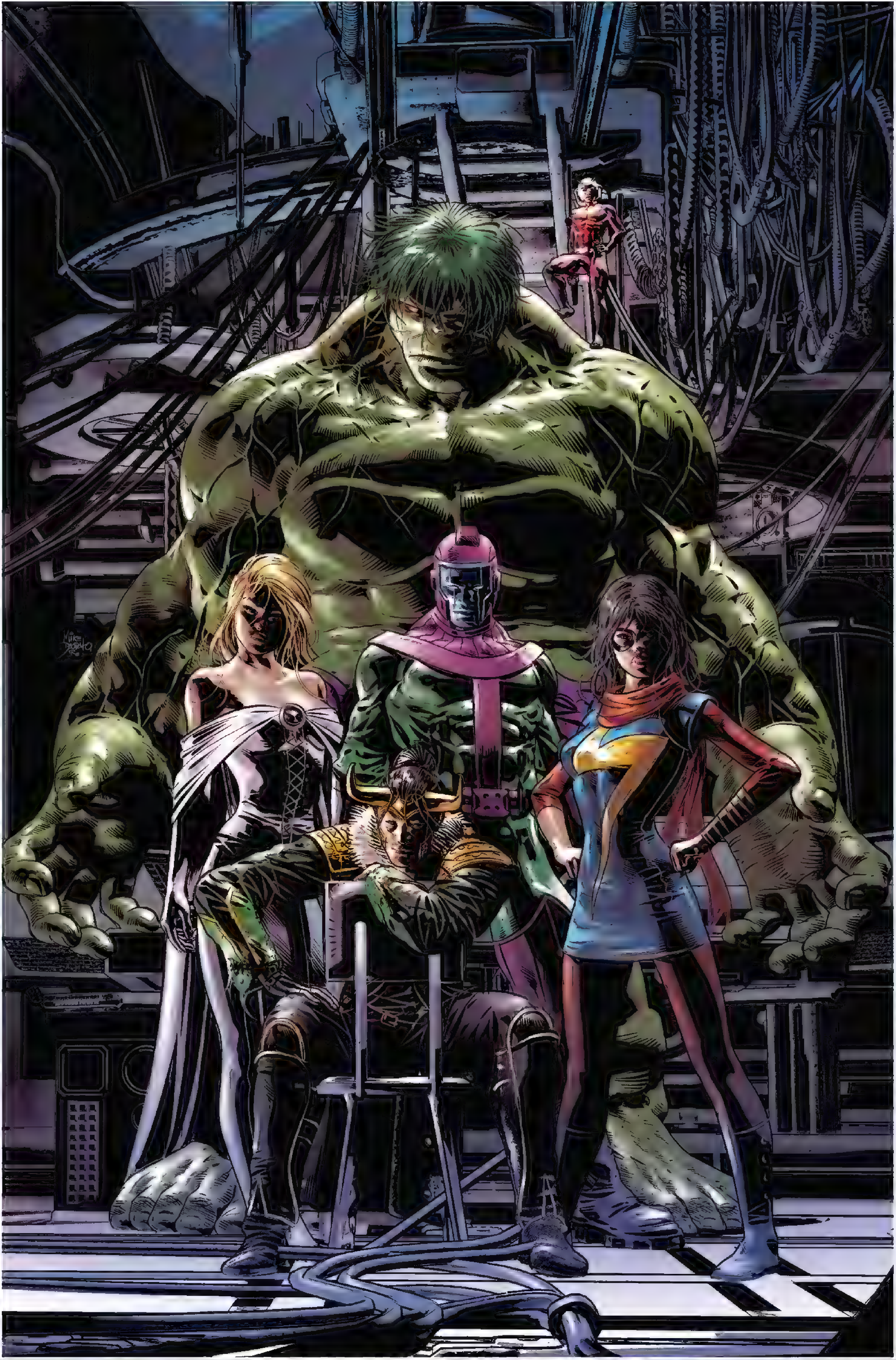
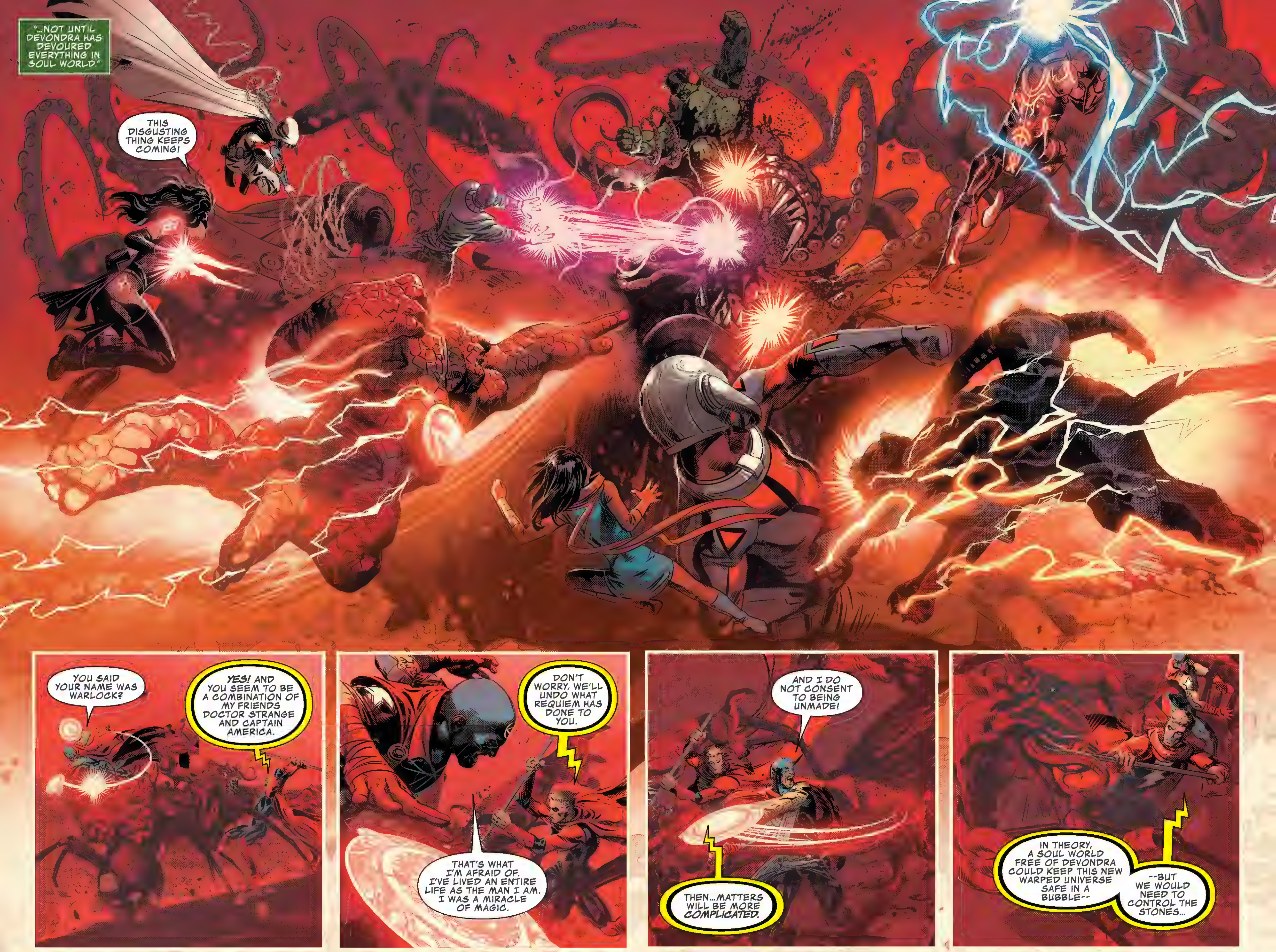


# INFINITY WARS 5

QUARRY OF CREATION.
SO, I DON'T WANT TO READ AHEAD, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR INFINITY BLADE CAN'T CUT THROUGH THIS DIMENSIONAL BARRIER.
GRRRARGH!
CHROOM
THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
AND NOTHING IS GOING TO EXIT THE SOUL GEM UNTIL I WANT IT TO...


"...NOT UNTIL DEVONDRA HAS DEVOURED EVERYTHING IN SOUL WORLD."
THIS DISGUSTING THING KEEPS COMING!
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS WARLOCK?
YES! AND YOU SEEM TO BE A COMBINATION OF MY FRIENDS DOCTOR STRANGE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA.
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL UNDO WHAT REQUIEM HAS DONE TO YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF. I'VE LIVED AN ENTIRE LIFE AS THE MAN I AM. I WAS A MIRACLE OF MAGIC.
AND I DO NOT CONSENT TO BEING UNMADE!
THEN...MATTERS WILL BE MORE COMPLICATED.
IN THEORY, A SOUL WORLD FREE OF DEVONDRA COULD KEEP THIS NEW WARPED UNIVERSE SAFE IN A BUBBLE--
--BUT WE WOULD NEED TO CONTROL THE STONES...

"...AND WE WOULD NEED TO HOPE THAT LOKI AND HIS TEAM SUCCEED AGAINST GAMORA OUTSIDE SOUL WORLD."
CAN I PUT YOU DOWN NOW, EMMA?
MY BACK HURTS.
NOT ANYMORE IT DOESN'T.
THIS IS OUR STOP. SHE'S INSIDE.
THAT'S *AMAZING!*
PUNY-MINDED HUMAN.
PERHAPS I SHOULD SPEAK TO HER ALONE, LOKI.
NONSENSE. I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO--

I HAVEN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO LET YOU GET US ALL KILLED.
THIS CALLS FOR A WOMAN'S TOUCH.
MS. MARVEL, COME WITH ME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
--WHO ARE WE HERE TO SEE?
HELLO?
WHOA.
PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD?

IS THIS--
YES. MEET YOUNG GAMORA.
DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?
WE CAN'T RIGHT NOW, DARLING. BUT WE'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR TOYS, IF THAT'S OKAY?
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE A LONG TIME?
EVER SINCE MY PARENTS DIED.
THEN I WAS WITH *HIM*.
THIS IS MY PLACE. *HE'S* NOT ALLOWED HERE.

YOU SEE, REQUIEM FOLDED OUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE ONTO ITSELF, ACCIDENTALLY CREATING NEW LIFE-FORMS, AND THEN SHE COPIED *EVERYTHING* INTO THE SOUL GEM--
--INCLUDING THE STONES.
HEH. THEN SHE'S HERE TOO.
YES, BUT WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HER.
MY NEW YOUNG FRIEND IS GOING TO LET US *BORROW* HER FUN ROCKS.

FOR REASONS I CAN'T QUITE DISCERN AT THE MOMENT, THIS UNIVERSE IS *DIFFERENT*, AND SO ARE THE INFINITY STONES.
MIND GOVERNS MATTER, SO EMMA WILL GET THE MOST FROM THE POWER STONE.
AS THE MOST POWERFUL, HULK WILL UNLOCK THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE SPACE STONE.
KANG'S MASTERY OF TIME WILL GRANT HIM THE MOST FROM THE REALITY STONE.
ANT-MAN IS A CLOD, BUT A SAVANT AT THE MANIPULATION OF SPACE. THAT WILL ENABLE HIM TO GET THE MOST FROM THE TIME STONE.
I'VE LIVED, DIED, LIVED AGAIN AND THRIVED IN MULTIPLE REALITIES. THAT MEANS THE SOUL STONE IS MINE.
MS. MARVEL HAS A YOUNG, INCORRUPTIBLE SOUL. SHE'LL WIELD THE MIND STONE.
THAT SOUNDS *CRAZY*.
WHAT IF YOU'RE *WRONG?*

OH, WE'LL ALL JUST DIE AND TAKE AT LEAST TWO UNIVERSES WITH US.
I HAVE A PLAN I'D LIKE US TO EXECUTE.
THE ONLY THING THAT NEEDS EXECUTING IS REQUIEM.
THE LONGER THE FIGHT LASTS--THE MORE DANGEROUS IT IS FOR US.
GOT IT.
WE SWEEP THE LEG.
PAY ATTENTION. HERE'S THE PLAN.
EMMA, YOU'RE UP FIRST...

LOOKS LIKE COMPANY.
BOOM
SO. BACK TO THIS PARTY, HUH?
I GUESS SO.
PHYLA-VELL. MOONDRAGON.
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
WE WOULDN'T BE--

--IF YOU HADN'T DESTROYED OUR UNIVERSE!
AHH!
KRAK
HEATHER.
URK!
THERE'S NOBODY LEFT WHO CAN KILL ME.
TSK. TSK.
THAT'S NOT A FAIR FIGHT, IS IT?
HOW?

WHY NOT TRY US ON, DARLING?
I KNOW WE WEREN'T TEAMMATES FOR LONG, BUT ANY CHANCE YOU COULD DROP THE ROCKS? FOR ME?
NO?
OKAY, HAD TO ASK.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU SHED YOUR OTHER SOULS AND ESCAPED, BUT--
*BUT* WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD FILL A LIBRARY.
CLASS IS IN SESSION.

IT'S *MIND* OVER MATTER.
I'LL SQUEEZE MORE POWER FROM THIS LEMON THAN YOU EVER COULD.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
HER BLADE'S BUSTED--I'VE GOT HER--UH, THE *PURPLE* ONE!

I KNOW WE CAN'T TRUST LOKI, BUT HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING: ONE'S INDIVIDUAL TALENTS DICTATE THE OUTPUT FROM THESE DUMB ROCKS.
WANT TO SEE WHAT THE MOST *POWERFUL* OF US CAN MAKE HAPPEN WITH THE SPACE STONE?
*AAH!*
AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY-- HULK IS SO POWERFUL WITH THE SPACE STONE THAT HE CAN UNMOOR BOTH OF YOU FROM *GRAVITY.*

"ENJOY A FLYING HULK."
BOOM
YOU'RE PRETTY FUNNY-- STICKING ME TO THE PUNIEST HUMAN.
I KINDA LIKE YOU. SORRY FOR THE ROUGH STUFF.
BOOM
BOOM
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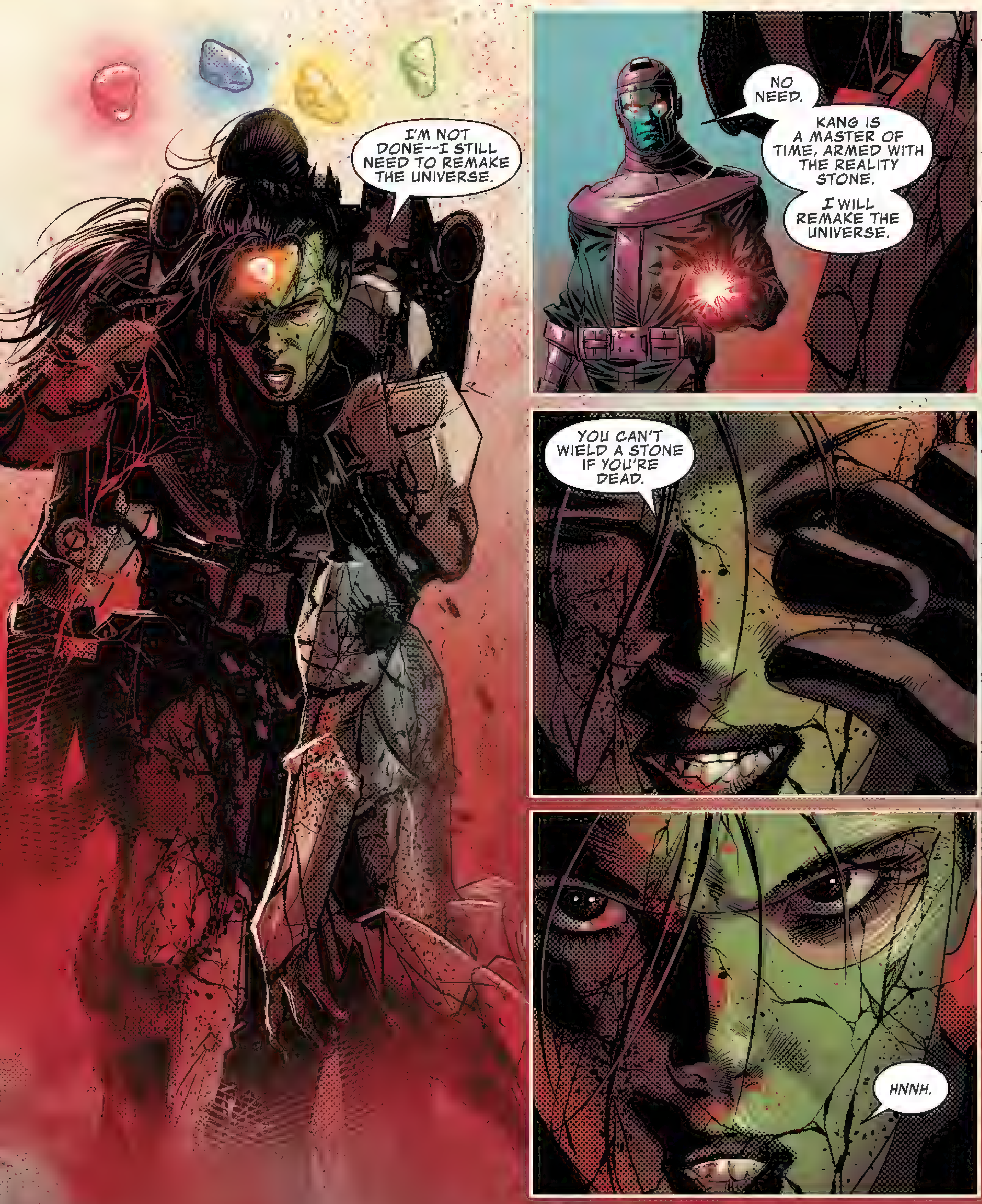
BOOM


I'M NOT DONE--I STILL NEED TO REMAKE THE UNIVERSE.
NO NEED.
KANG IS A MASTER OF TIME, ARMED WITH THE REALITY STONE.
I WILL REMAKE THE UNIVERSE.
YOU CAN'T WIELD A STONE IF YOU'RE DEAD.
HNNH.

THERE
IS
NO
WAY
YOU
CAN
BEAT
US
ALL!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE?
ONCE DEVONDRA IS FINISHED EATING THE OLD UNIVERSE I WILL REMAKE IT.
NO ONE WILL NEED TO SUFFER.
I WON'T HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH THIS LIFE!
WAIT-- WHERE'S ANT-MAN?!
UH-OH.

SOUNDS LIKE "WOMEN'S INTUITION" IS ABOUT TO RUIN THE HEIST.
I ONLY GOT HER REALITY AND SPACE STONES!
ANT-MAN OUT!
THIS MAY WORK OUT IN THE END.
I JUST NEED A COUPLE OF THESE BORING ROCKS...

THIS ISN'T HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
AUGHNN.
YOU'RE BEING BAD, GAMORA!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO AGREE, DAUGHTER.
I'M GLAD I'M NOT ALIVE TO SEE THIS.
SORRY, BUT IT'S TRUE.

I USUALLY PREFER DOM, BUT THE *POWER* STONE IS QUITE INTOXICATING.
KRAKOOOM
UGHN!
THAT WAS A POWERFUL PSYCHIC ATTACK, KAMALA.
WHY CAN'T THEY SEE WHAT I SEE?
LOKI IS PLAYING THEM ALL. HE JUST PALMED THE STONES THAT THE GIRL HAD.
MAYBE I SHOULD LET IT HAPPEN.
LOKI WAS RIGHT. THE STONES ARE *DIFFERENT* NOW.
SKRSKABOOM

WELL DONE, ANT-MAN.
LANG, YOU MORON. NOW HE'S GOT WHAT HE NEEDS.
NOW TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
NO QUARTER!
FIRST, A DOOR--

--AND IN THE THREE OF YOU GO.
NO!
LOKI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO KILLING GAMORA?
FEAR NOT, I THINK I JUST DID.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I JUST NEED A QUICK JAUNT INTO WHAT LIES BELOW.
OH @#$%!
THESE--HE HAS ALL THE STONES!

IF I DON'T RETURN--
--IT'S ONLY BECAUSE--
--I FOUND SOMETHING *BETTER.*
SON OF A--
WAK
UGHNNN.

SOLID ROCK. UNNATURALLY STRONG STUFF.
BOOM
HE'S GONE.
I CANNOT BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY DID IT!

I AM IN ANOTHER PLACE. I CAN FEEL IT IN MY ANCIENT BONES.
I'M ON MY OWN.
PLUNK
THE STONES HAVE NO POWER IN THIS UNIVERSE.
I THINK I'LL KEEP THEM JUST IN CASE.
BUT I AM A GOD, I NEED NOT MORE MAGIC THAN I HAVE WITHIN ME.
...
OR SO I THOUGHT.

I AM LOKI, SON OF LAUFEY.
PRINCE OF ASGARD.
THE LORD OF LIES...
...AND THE GOD OF *STORIES.*
ARE THESE MY PUPPET MASTERS?
*HOW DARE YOU!*
"THIS IS HOPELESS."

WE CAN'T WIN. WE HURT DEVONDRA, SHE REFORMS. WE KNOCK HER DOWN, SHE GETS BACK UP. SHE'S UNKILLABLE, AND WE'RE NOT.
UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES, WE--
THE DOOR OPENS--LOKI MUST HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL!
IT'S REQUIEM!
ATTACK!

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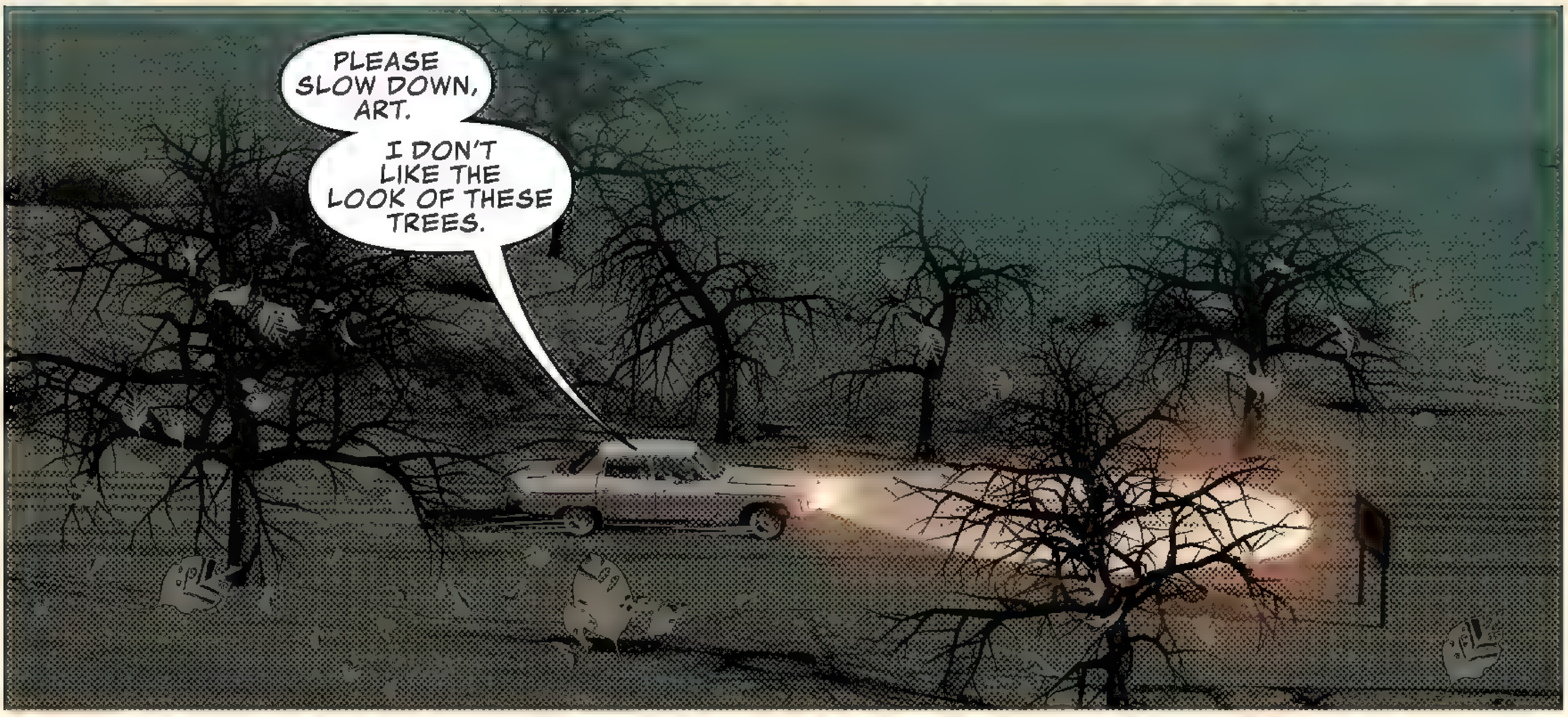
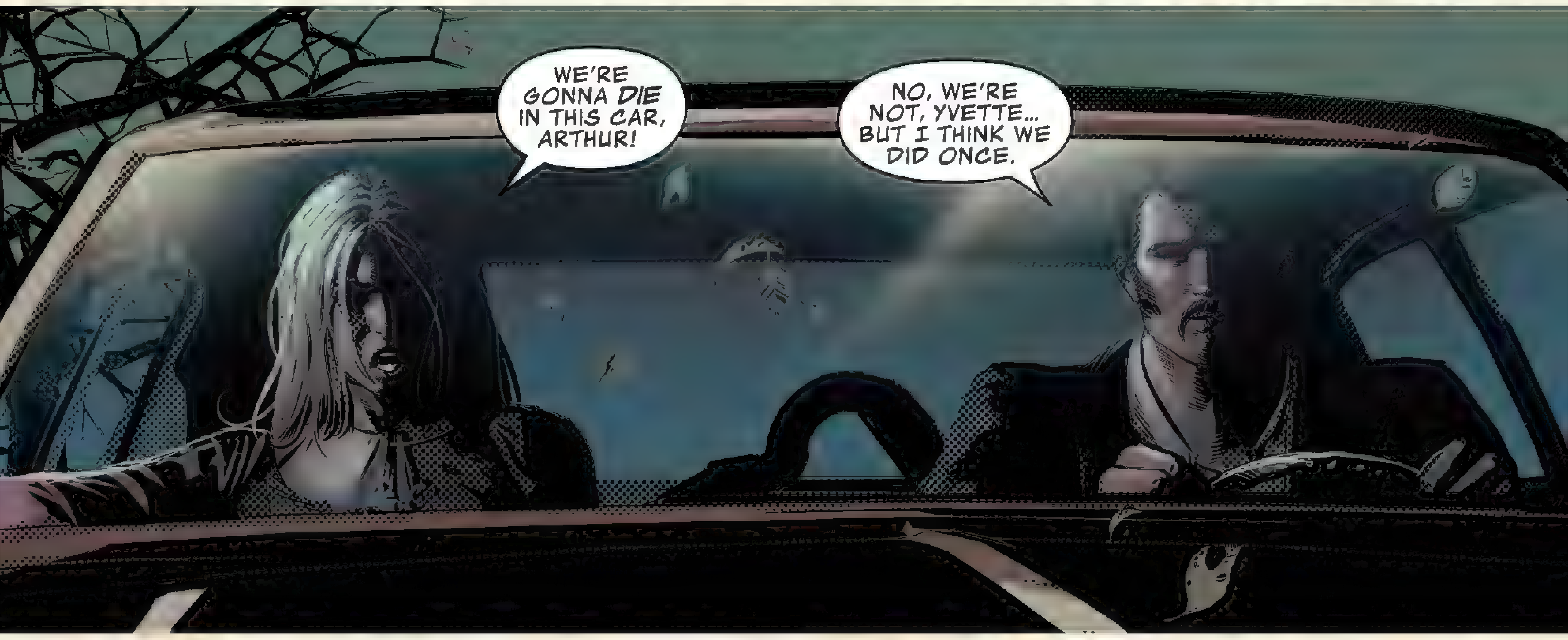
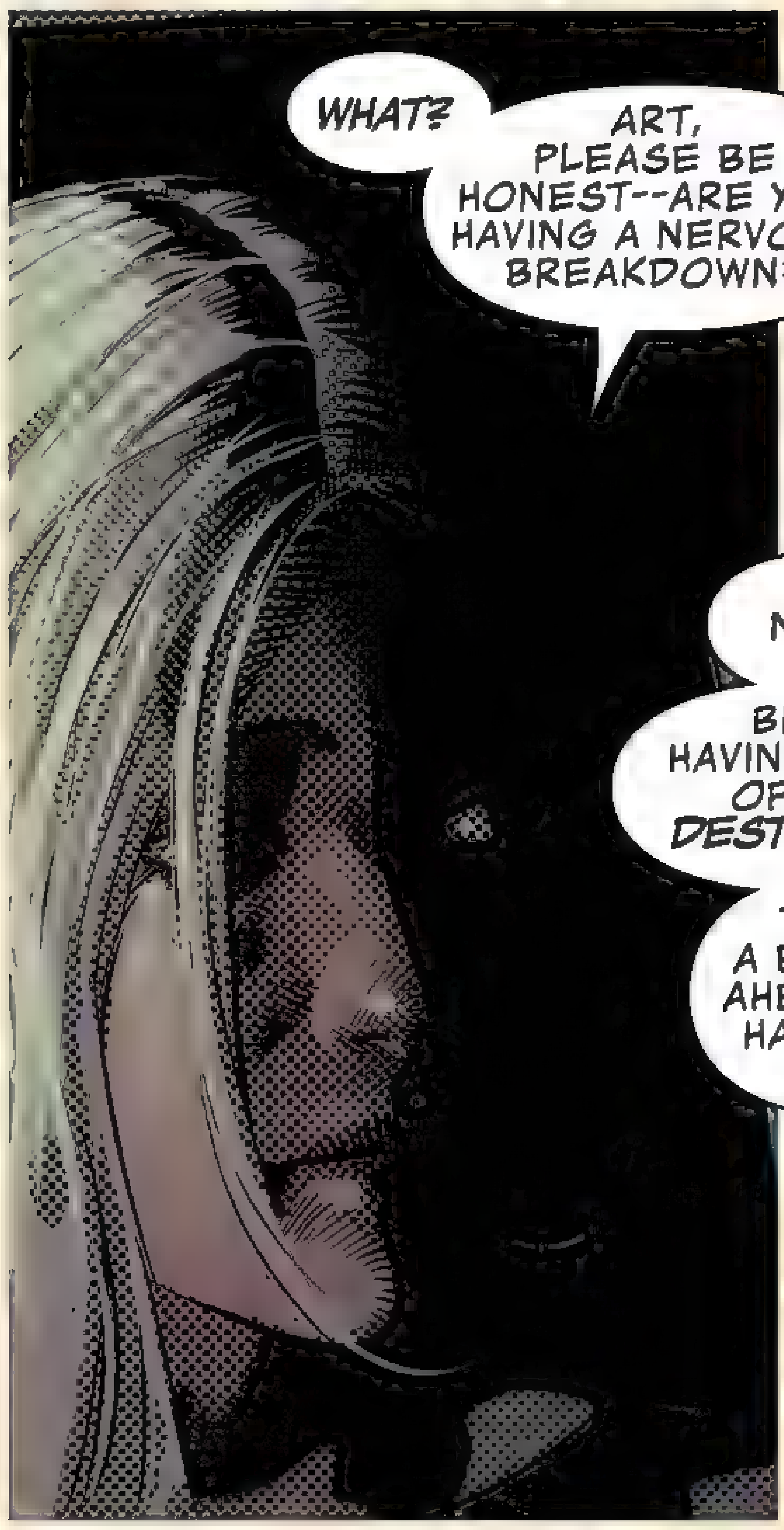
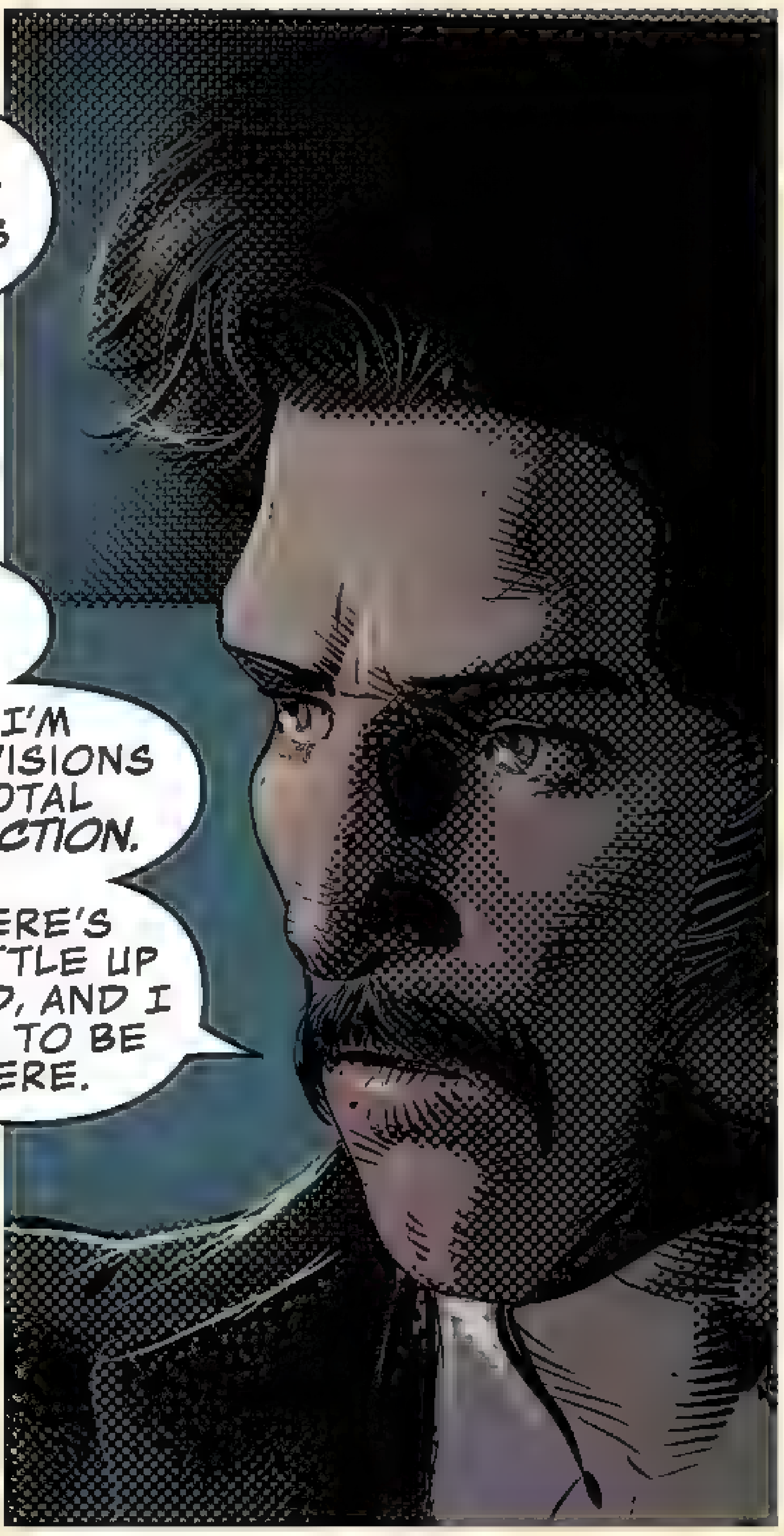
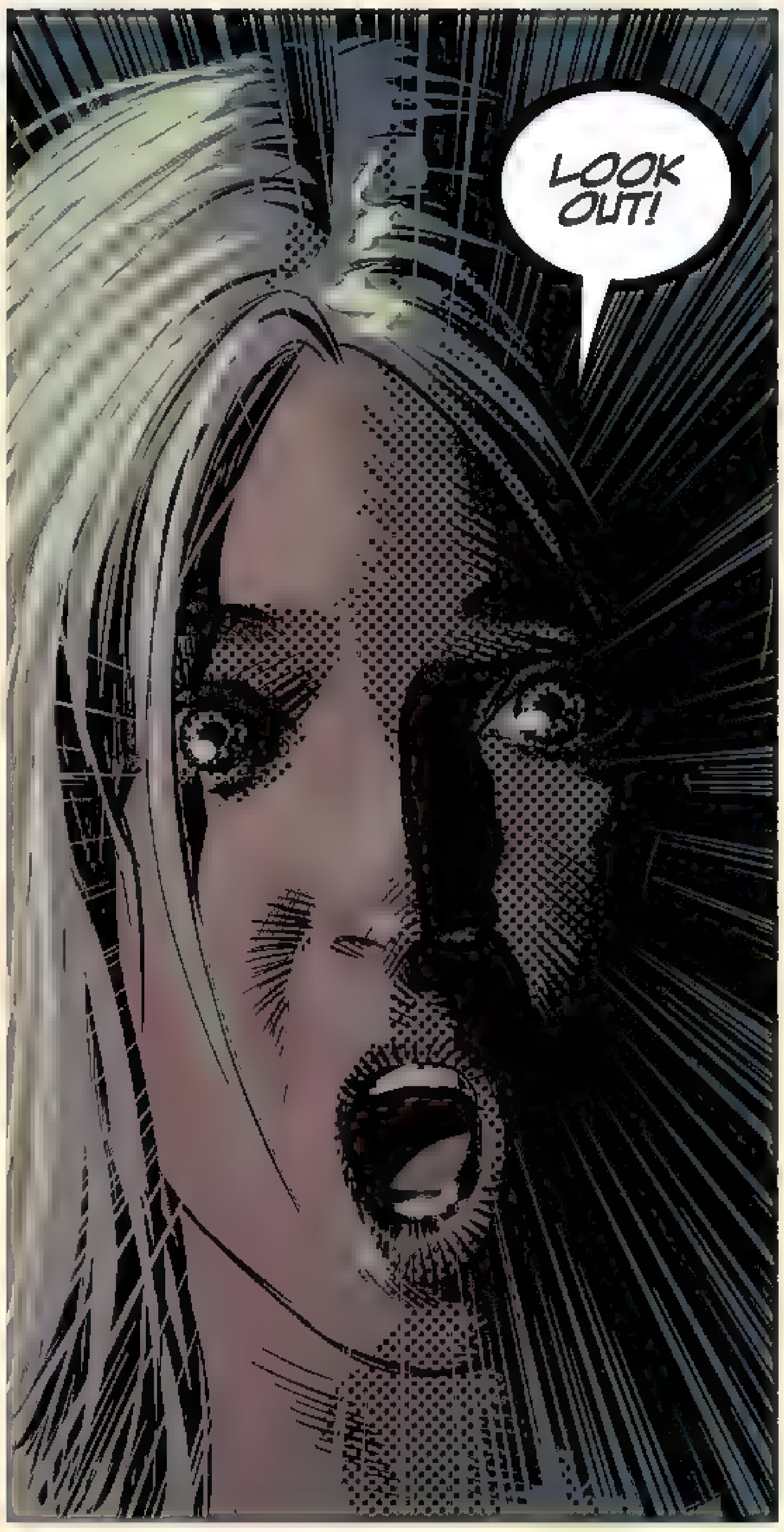
GET THE DAMN STONES!
AAARGH!
"IT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD."


PLEASE SLOW DOWN, ART.
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THESE TREES.

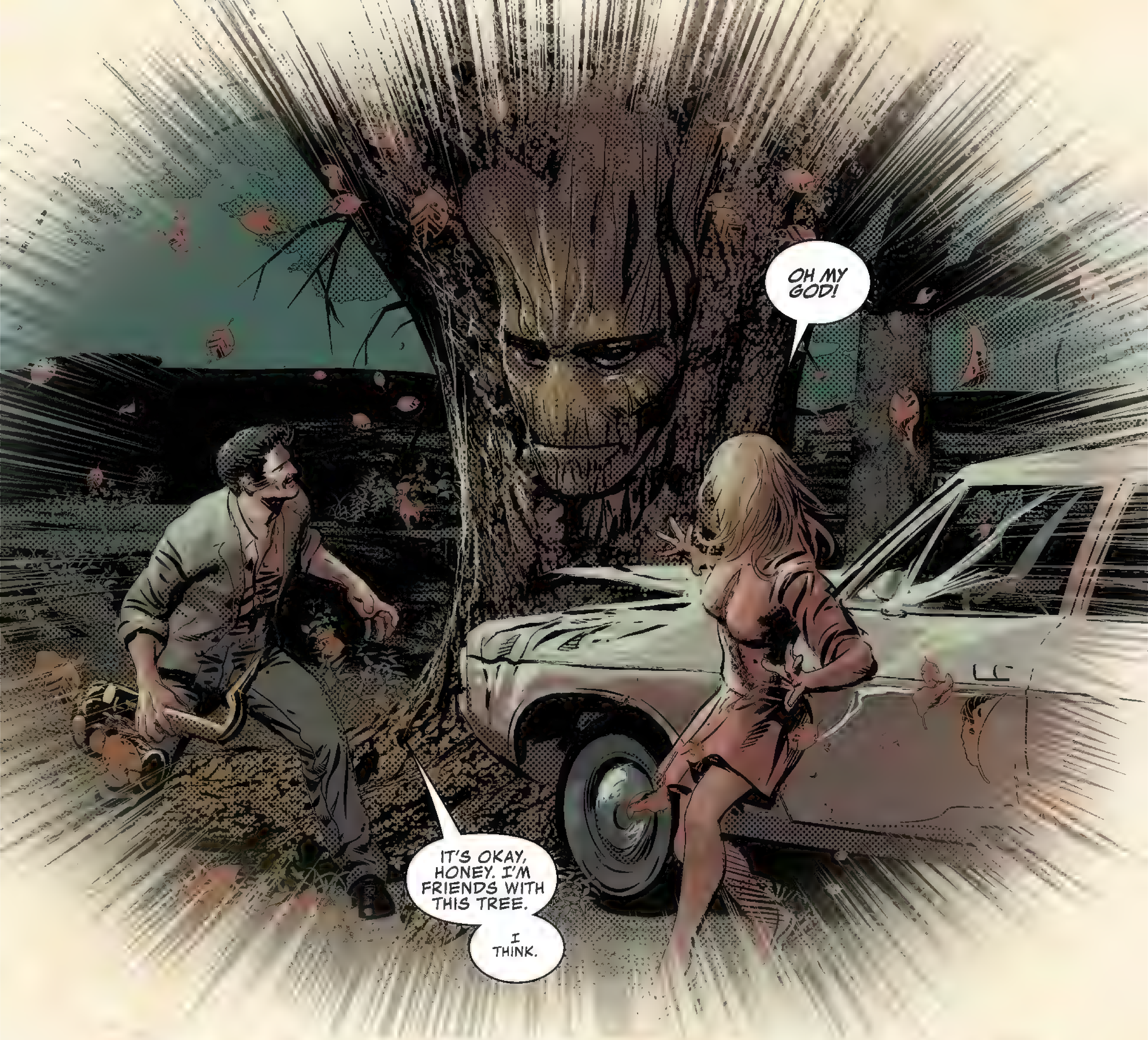

WE'RE GONNA *DIE* IN THIS CAR, ARTHUR!
NO, WE'RE NOT, YVETTE... BUT I THINK WE DID ONCE.

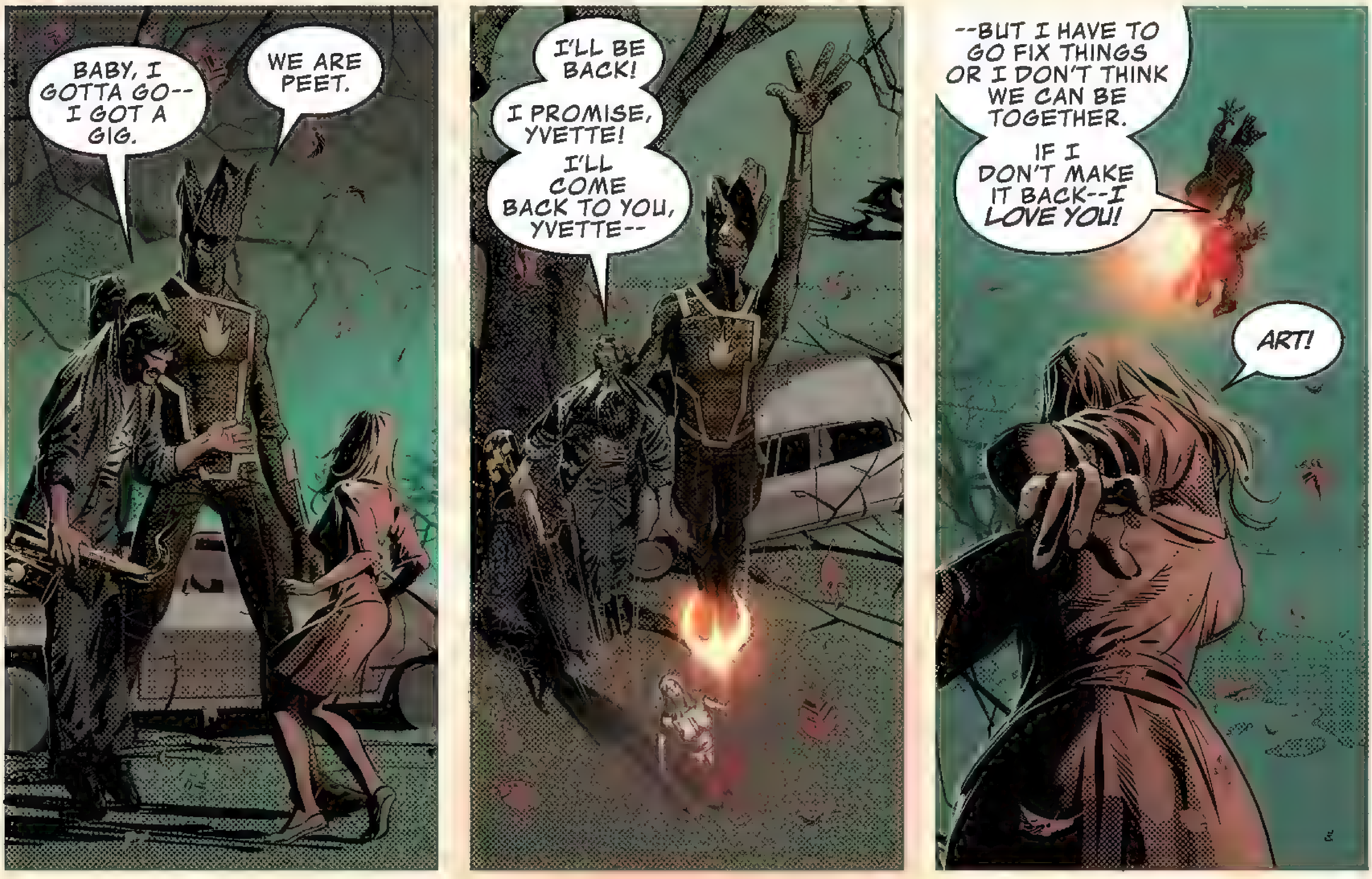

*WHAT?*
ART, PLEASE BE HONEST--ARE YOU HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?

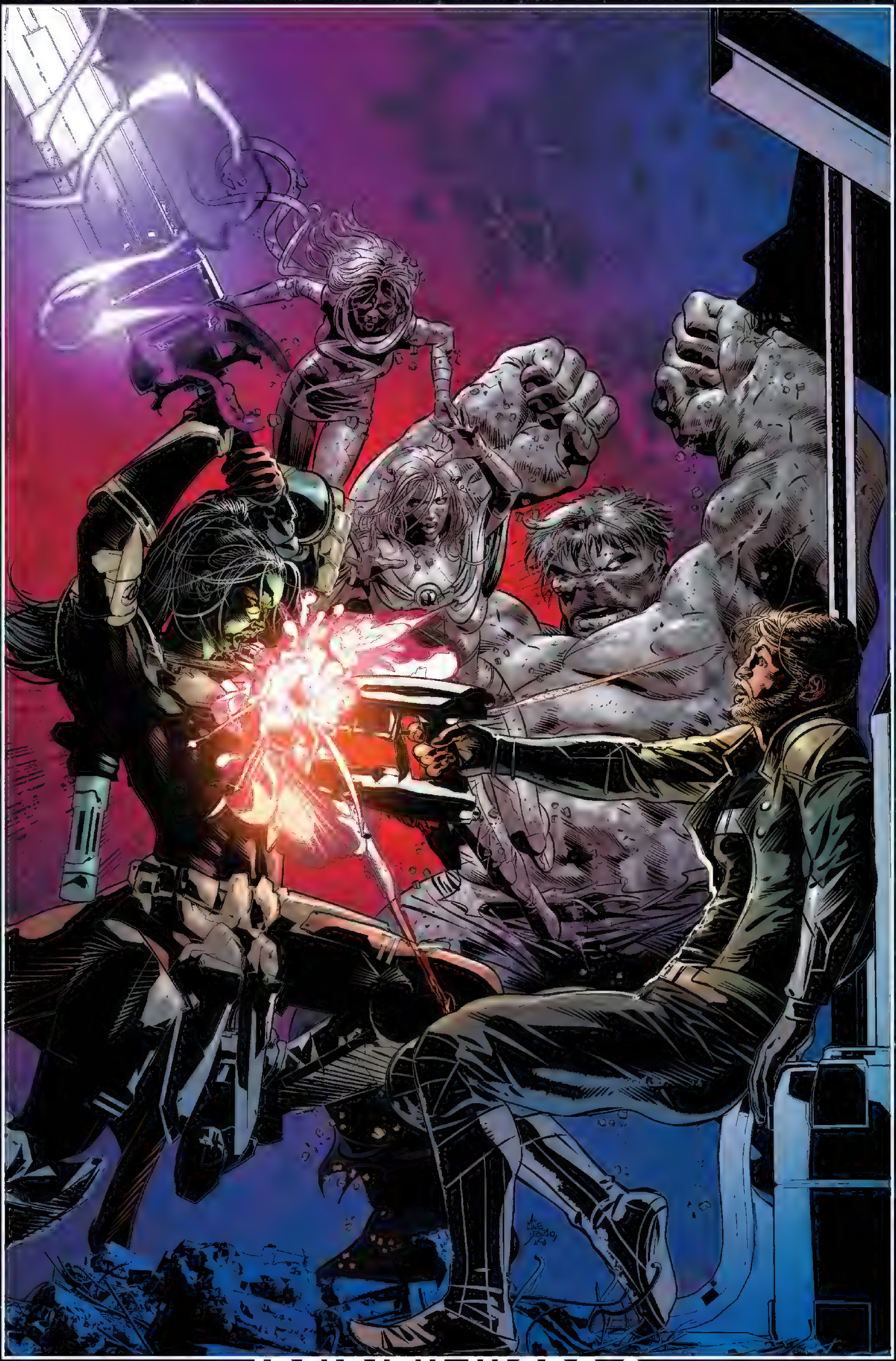

NO.
BUT I'M HAVING VISIONS OF TOTAL *DESTRUCTION.*
THERE'S A BATTLE UP AHEAD, AND I HAVE TO BE THERE.


*LOOK OUT!*

SPLAKK
SKRABOOM
YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING?
I DUNNO, BUT I TOLD YOU SOMETHING IS *WRONG*, BABY.
I JUST WISH I KNEW WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO.
WE ARE PEET.


OH MY GOD!
IT'S OKAY, HONEY. I'M FRIENDS WITH THIS TREE.
I THINK.


BABY, I GOTTA GO-- I GOT A GIG.
WE ARE PEET.
I'LL BE BACK!
I PROMISE, YVETTE!
I'LL COME BACK TO YOU, YVETTE--
--BUT I HAVE TO GO FIX THINGS OR I DON'T THINK WE CAN BE TOGETHER.
IF I DON'T MAKE IT BACK--I *LOVE YOU!*
*ART!*



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THE PRIME UNIVERSE.
IS *THIS* ALL THERE IS?! ARE YOU THE GODS ABOVE US ALL?
DO YOU SIT AND PLOT AND SCHEME--W-WAIT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANYTHING RASH.
IF IT IS *YOU* WHO HAS BEEN WRITING MY DESTINY, THEN YOU CAN SHOW ME--
--MY... *FUTURE?*

HA.
HA.HA.
HA.

SO. *THAT'S* THE WAY IT GOES, HUH?
THE STONES...ARE POWERLESS HERE.
SOMEDAY WHEN YOU ENORMOUS CLODS GROW UP, I HOPE YOU STOP CASTING ROCKS AT OUR UNIVERSE.
ARE YOU DOING IT FOR US--OR FOR YOU?
WELL.
I KNOW WHEN I'M BEAT.

THE QUARRY OF CREATION.
THE STONES LOKI LEFT BEHIND JUST WENT... INERT.
ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH...
...PRETTY SURE.
YES, THERE WERE A FEW TOO MANY CANNONS LOOSE ON THE DECK OF OUR SHIP...
...SO I USED THE POWER OF MY COMPLETE SET OF STONES TO *DELETE* THE OTHERS.
SO THIS WAS YOUR PLAN ALL ALONG. YOU WANTED ALL THE STONES FOR YOURSELF AND--
NO. *TAKE* THE STONES.
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO KEEP THE UNIVERSES FROM COLLAPSING.

CAN WE SKIP TO THE PART WHERE YOU TRY TO TRICK US?
NO TRICKS.
AT LEAST I CAN PREVENT YOU SNIVELING WORMS FROM BEING EATEN ALIVE.
FLOWA, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MY RECENT RUN OF BAD LUCK: FROM LOGAN'S MIRACULOUS INTERVENTION THAT PREVENTED ME FROM ACQUIRING THE SPACE STONE TO THE PAGES I NEEDED THAT WERE RIPPED FROM YOUR TOMES.
I THINK I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, AND I TRIED TO CHANGE THE PAST. TO PREVENT MYSELF FROM BREACHING OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE.
WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE THEN I OWE YOU THE BEATING OF A LIFETIME.
I ALREADY RECEIVED MY USUAL DRUBBING.
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ONE ALL ON MY OWN.
TAKE ME BACK TO OMNIPOTENCE CITY...

"...I'VE LOST MY APPETITE FOR APOCALYPSES."
SOUL-WORLD.
GIVE ME THOSE WEAPONS SO I CAN KILL THE MONSTER, OR I'LL TAKE THEM FROM YOUR DEAD HANDS, REQUIEM.
YOU'RE NOT A REAL PERSON!
"SOLDIER SUPREME"--WHAT A JOKE! YOU'RE A MISTAKE THAT I'M ABOUT TO ERASE!

OH NO.
YOU WERE SAYING?
WHAKK
UGHN.
HOW DO WE STOP THE MONSTER FROM EATING OUR WORLDS?
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP DEVONDRA NOW--SHE'LL EAT US ALL.
WITHOUT THE STONES...THERE WON'T BE ANYONE TO REORDER THE UNIVERSE AFTER.
ENTROPY WILL FOLLOW.
WELL--YOU FIRST.

FWABOOM
AAH!
SAKKCCEEAACK!
HA.
NO!
WE HAVE YOU!

WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.
THOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE WE DIDN'T DO SUCH A GREAT JOB ACTUALLY GUARDING MUCH THIS GO AROUND.
NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T PREVENTED ME FROM ENTERING THE SOUL GEM.
NOW, WHERE ARE THESE MAGIC ROCKS?
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE *DEAD.*
THIS...CANNOT BE. THE *UNIVERSE* EXISTS, SO MUST THE STONES. TIME, SPACE, SOUL, REALITY, MIND AND POWER.
YEAH, WE GOT ALL THAT--

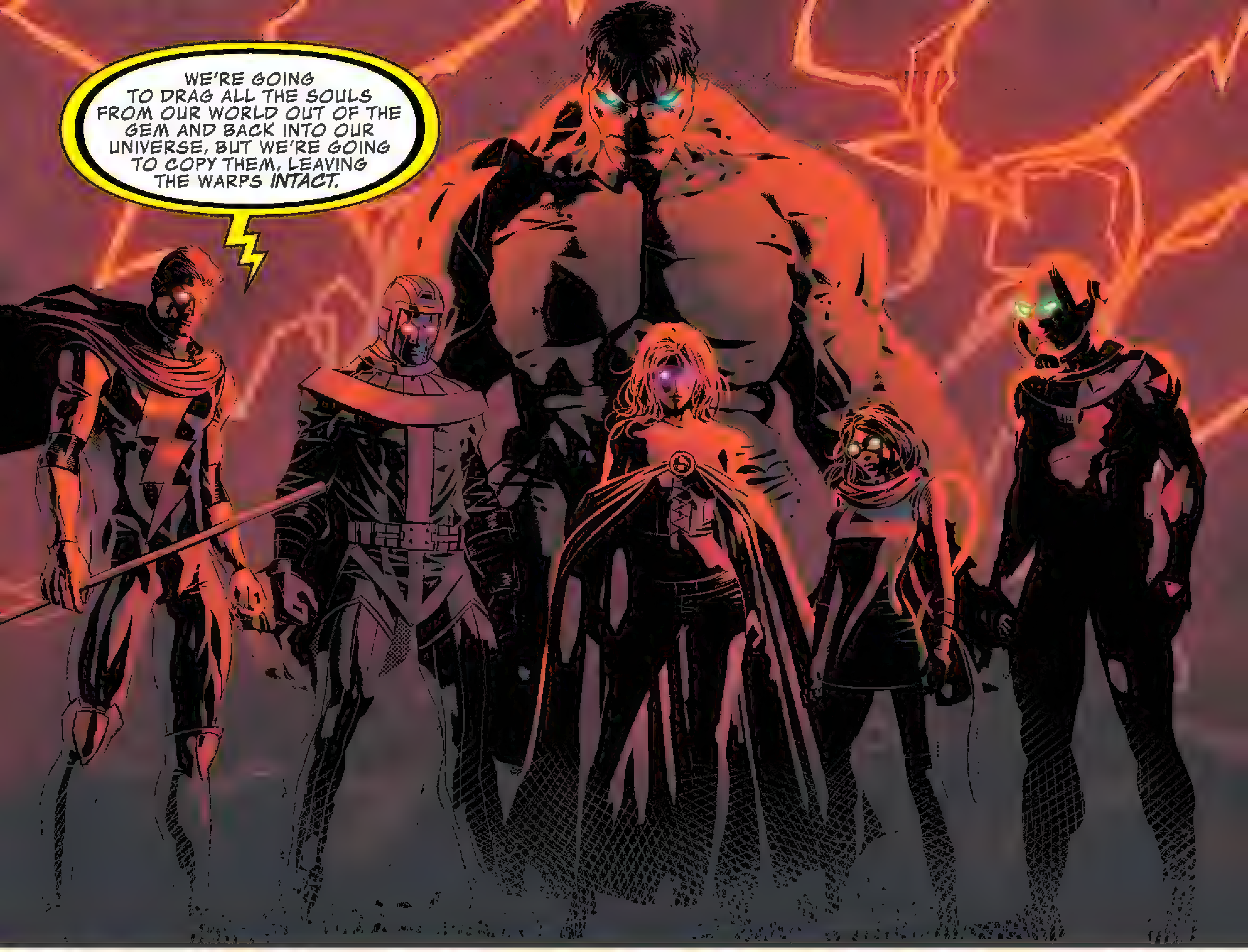
--AND WE GOT THAT SOUL GEM FOR YOU.
CATCH.
YOU *DEFEATED* LOKI?
I THINK HE DEFEATED HIMSELF.
WE MUST USE THE STONES IN CONCERT TO STOP DEVONDRA!
YOU CAN'T STOP HER WHILE SHE'S IN SOUL-WORLD.
SHE'S THE REASON IT HAS ALWAYS HUNGERED.
WE CAN ONLY MAKE SOMETHING NEW FROM THE THREAD SHE SPINS LATER.
YOU'RE AS WEAK AS YOU WERE WHEN I PLUCKED YOU FROM THE CORPSES OF YOUR PARENTS.

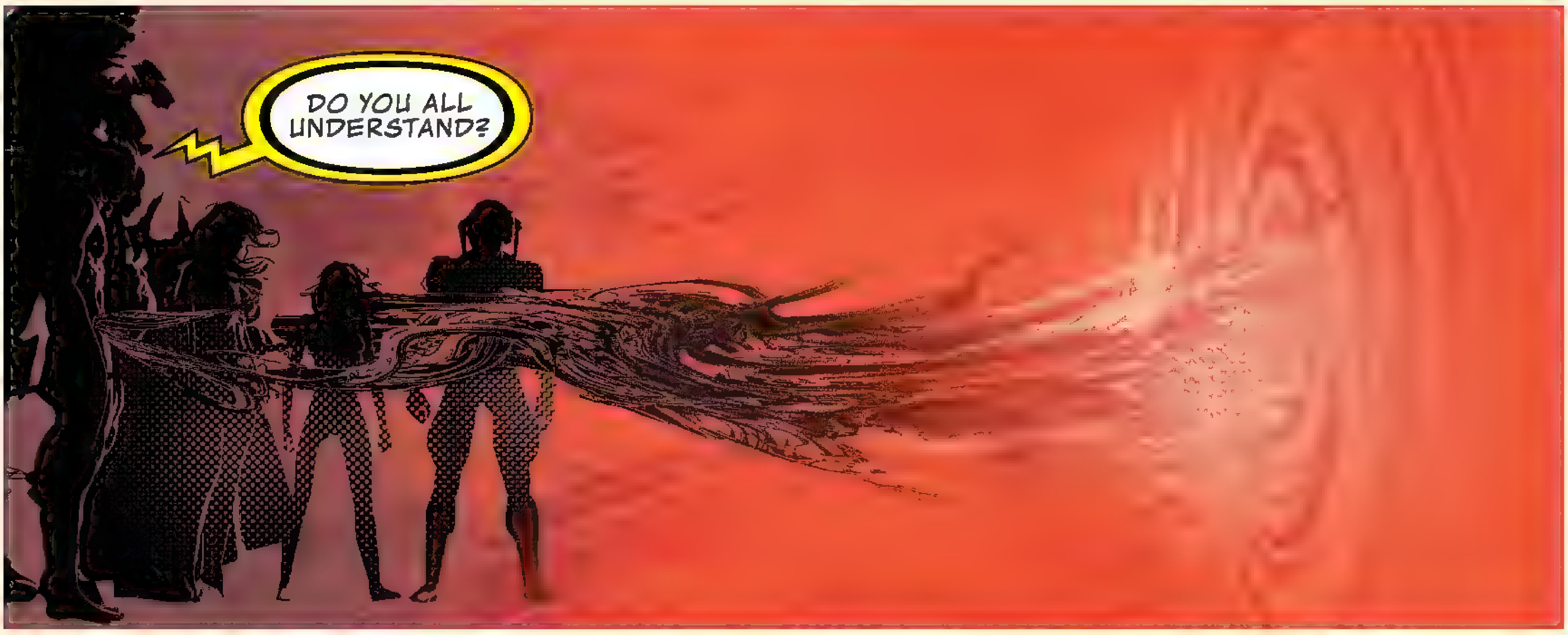
THEN WE MUST PULL APART OUR WARPED FRIENDS, RESTORE OUR UNIVERSE AND ESCAPE FROM HERE.
WAIT! IF YOU DO THAT-- WHAT HAPPENS TO MY WORLD?
I DON'T BELIEVE IN "NO-WIN" SCENARIOS.
I'M NOT LETTING *EITHER* OF OUR WORLDS BE CONSUMED.
THERE *HAS* TO BE A WAY TO USE THIS POWER TO RESTORE *BOTH* UNIVERSES.
PERHAPS... I COULD COPY ALL THE SOULS FROM THIS "WARP WORLD" BACK INTO OURS, BUT DEVONDRA WOULD REMAIN A CONSTANT THREAT IN HERE.
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO LET THAT UGLY THING EAT ME.
LET'S SEE WHAT THE *STRONGEST* CAN DO WITH THE SPACE STONE.
UH, HEY-- LET'S NOT RUSH OFF HALF-COCKED.

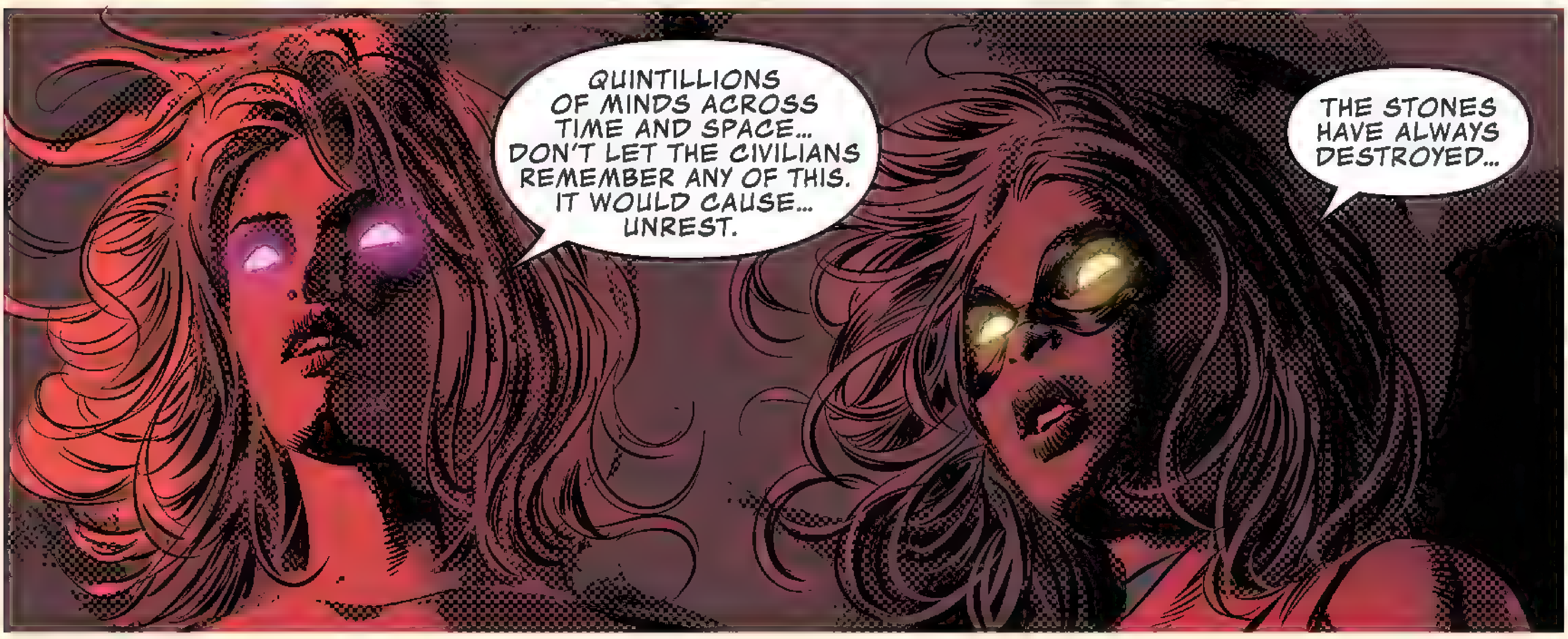
BADABOOOM
SKREEEEEE!

IS THAT A-- DID YOU JUST USE THE SPACE STONE TO MAKE A BLACK HOLE?!
PHYSICS IS THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS.
NOW WE LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE.
I TOOK OUT THE TRASH. NOW LET'S GO HOME.
FIRST--
--WE FIX OUR FRIENDS.

THANK YOU!
HEY, WHO'S *THIS* GUY?!
ARTHUR DOUGLAS.
I ALWAYS HAD TWO SOULS.
WHERE'S ROCKET?
YEESH, DO I FEEL LIKE @#$%.
THAT WAS THE WORST NAP EVER.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON? WHAT'D I MISS?
MS. MARVEL, I NEED YOU TO IMAGINE A NEW WORLD. A BLANK SLATE.
GOTCHA. NOW WHAT?
NOW WE CREATE A UNIVERSE.


WE'RE GOING TO DRAG ALL THE SOULS FROM OUR WORLD OUT OF THE GEM AND BACK INTO OUR UNIVERSE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO COPY THEM, LEAVING THE WARPS *INTACT.*


DO YOU ALL UNDERSTAND?


QUINTILLIONS OF MINDS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE... DON'T LET THE CIVILIANS REMEMBER ANY OF THIS. IT WOULD CAUSE... UNREST.
THE STONES HAVE ALWAYS DESTROYED...

"...NOW LET THEM *CREATE.*"
IT WORKED!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON? I JUST HAD A BRAIN FART SO BAD THAT MY PANTS ARE--
WE'RE JUST SAVING THE DAY, SON.
THE NEW WORLD IS MADE-- NOW WE NEED TO COPY EVERYTHING BACK INTO OUR UNIVERSE.

MOONDRAGON!
DRAX!
HOW ARE YOU AND PHYLA HERE?
REQUIEM DESTROYED OUR UNIVERSE AND WE FELL INTO THIS ONE.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN, DAD. MUCH LESS BOTH VERSIONS OF YOU.
IS TH-- YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER?
GUYS-- THAT BLACK HOLE MIGHT HAVE SWALLOWED THAT SPIDER-THING BUT IT'S ABOUT TO CUT THE REUNION SHORT.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
WE CAN ONLY FORM ONE PORTAL, AND WE'RE NOT EVEN DONE RESTORING BOTH WORLDS.
OUTSIDE OF OUR COUNTERPARTS, NO ONE SHOULD REMEMBER ANYTHING.
NO. LET THEM HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES.
LOGAN AND I WERE A GENT NAMED "DIAMOND PATCH."
I WANT TO REMEMBER *EVERYTHING.*
YOU'LL NEVER BE AN X-WOMAN WITH THAT ATTITUDE.

THEY NEED TWO PORTALS.
*DRAX! HELP ME.*
LET'S *UPTEMPO* THIS GIG.
HAH.
WELL DONE...

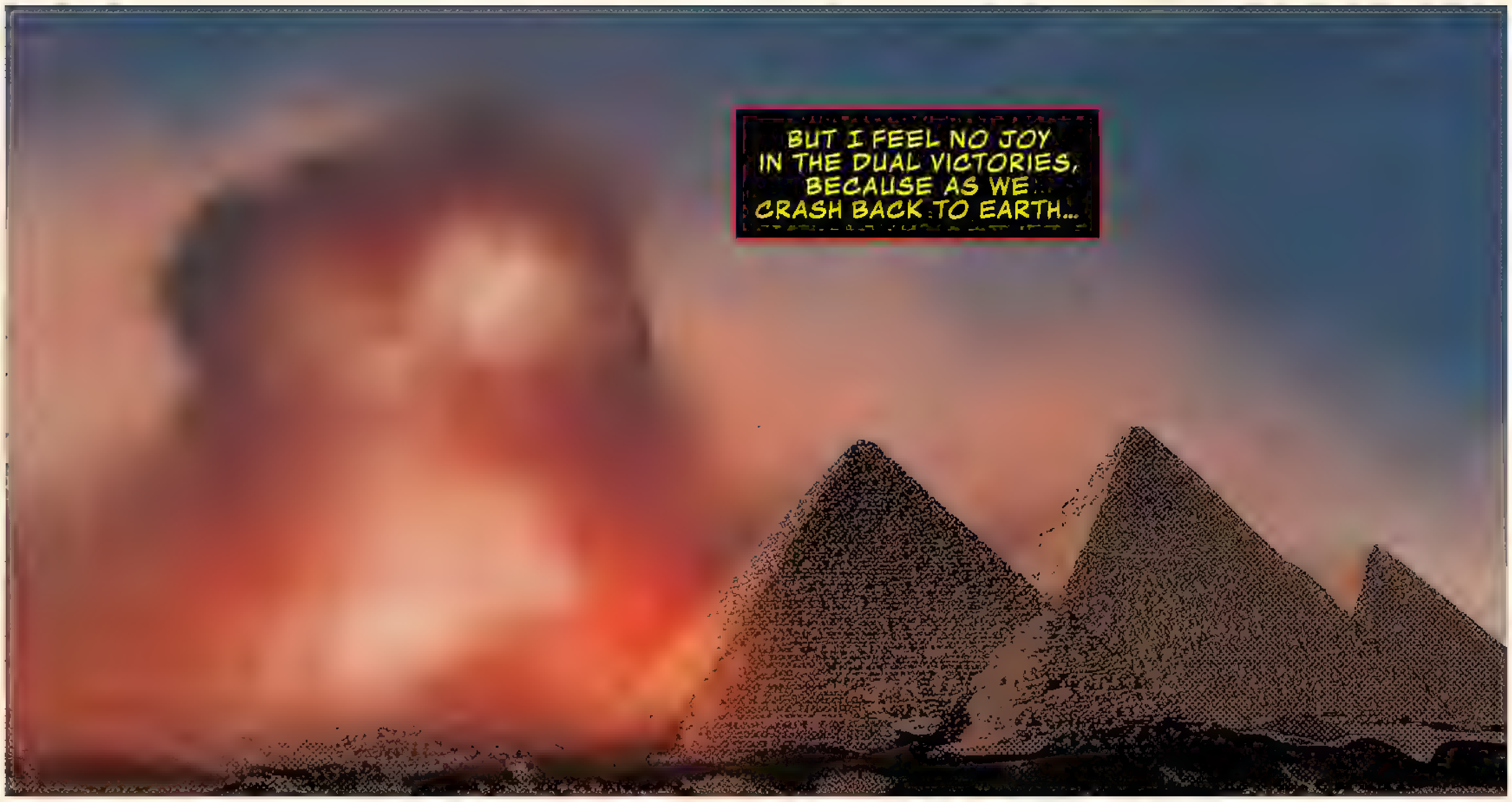
...NOW WE CAN SAVE *BOTH* UNIVERSES AT ONCE.

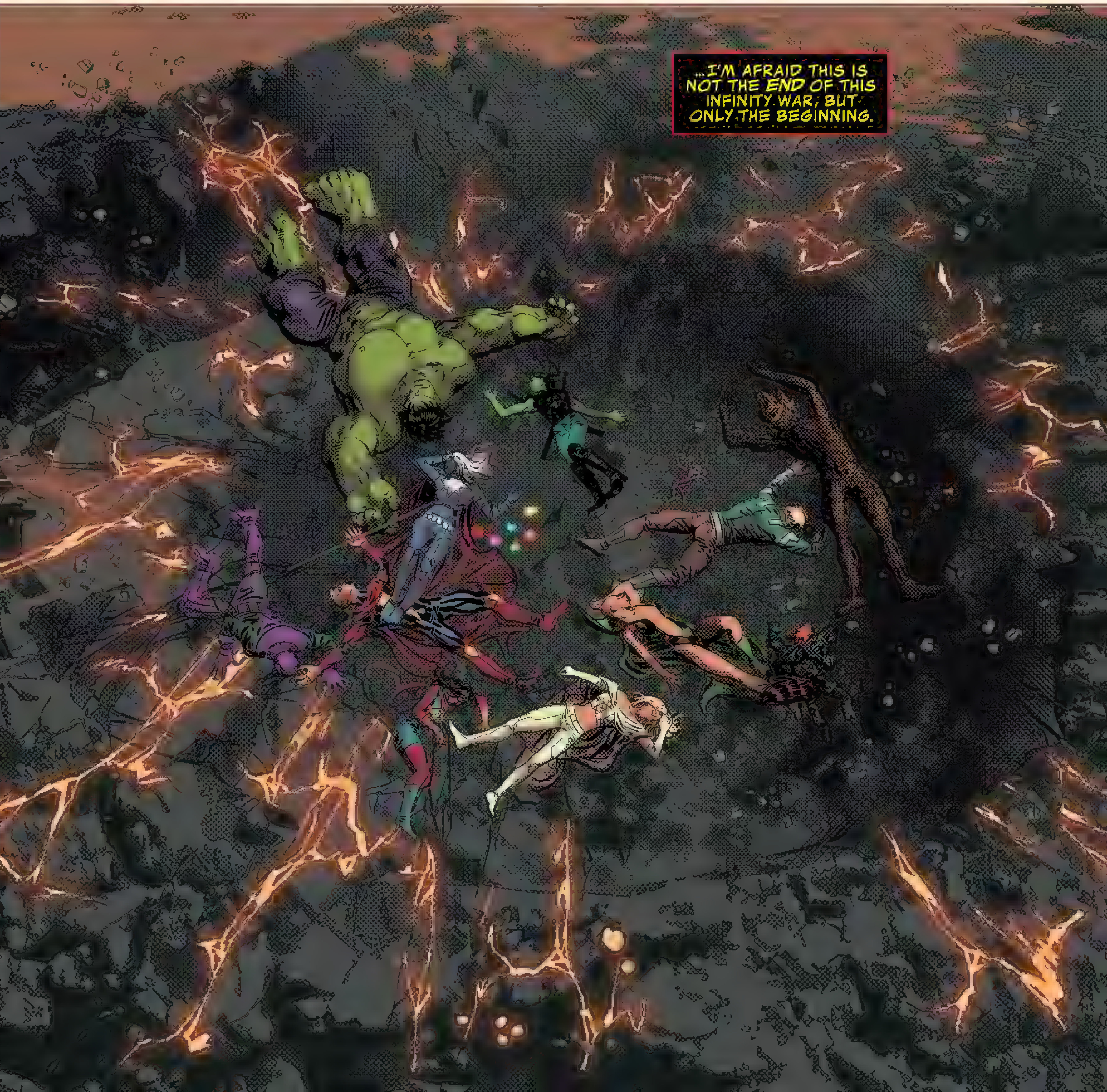
IT'S DONE. OUR UNIVERSE HAS BEEN RESTORED, AND THE WARP WORLD IS SAFE IN ANOTHER FACET OF THE SOUL GEM...

...BUT NOT WITHOUT *COST.*
ARTHUR, DRAX. YOU'LL NEED TO STAY BEHIND TO HOLD OPEN THE LEMNISCATE IN ORDER FOR US TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE.
*NO!!!*
THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
IF THEY RELEASE THEIR GRIP, THE PORTALS CLOSE.
IT'S OKAY, MY FRIEND.
WE'RE GOING HOME.
THANK YOU BOTH.

AND NOW WE TAKE REFUGE WITHIN THE SOUL GEM TO ESCAPE THIS DYING WORLD.
NICE WORKING WITH YOU.
SEE YOU IN THE NEXT LIFE.
THAT'S TWO UNIVERSES WE'VE SEEN DIE IN AS MANY DAYS.
DON'T THINGS HAPPEN IN THREES?
YOU'RE HARD TO LOVE SOMETIMES.

THE SOUL GEM PROTECTS US AS WE BORE THROUGH DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS AND PARADOXES.
WE ESCAPE AS DEVONDRA'S UNIVERSE COLLAPSES INTO NOTHINGNESS.
IT IS BUT ONE RUINED SECTION OF HONEYCOMB WITHIN THE GEM, AND NOW IT IS HOME TO THE "WARP WORLD".


BUT I FEEL NO JOY IN THE DUAL VICTORIES, BECAUSE AS WE CRASH BACK TO EARTH...


...I'M AFRAID THIS IS NOT THE *END* OF THIS INFINITY WAR, BUT ONLY THE BEGINNING.

UHN.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR DESTROYING OUR UNIVERSE!

*WHOA!* LET'S CHILL. AND IF YOU WANNA KILL HER, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME.
LET'S ALL REMEMBER: SOME BAD THINGS HAPPENED, BUT WE PREVENTED THE *WORST* FROM HAPPENING.
THE REQUIEM OF *OUR* UNIVERSE DESTROYED ALL OF CREATION.
HOW CAN YOU LET *THIS ONE* LIVE?
BECAUSE *THIS* GAMORA *DIDN'T.*
WE *PREVENTED* CATASTROPHE HERE.
IF THEY WANT A FIGHT, THEN--
*NO.*
IN OUR DIMENSION, PETER QUILL DIED IN THE CANCERVERSE.
PERHAPS HAVING A STAR-LORD ALIVE HERE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE?
HOW CAN WE TRUST THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE TO HER FRIENDS?

WHY DON'T WE DIVIDE THE STONES UP? KEEP THEM SEPARATED?
I WILL REMOVE THESE WEAPONS TO THE END OF TIME.
HANDS OFF, KANG.
WHAK
HOW DARE YOU EVEN TOUCH ME, MONSTER!
IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. THE EMBERS THREATEN TO START A CONFLAGRATION.
DON'T TOUCH THAT SOUL STONE, WARLOCK.
I WON'T...

...IT'S THE *TIME* STONE I NEED.
THERE.
TIME IS FROZEN...
...BUT I ONLY HAVE A FEW MOMENTS.
CHAOS WILL REIGN AGAIN UNLESS I CAN FORCE A PEACE RIGHT NOW.
BUT WITH THE STONES, I CAN REWRITE THE ENDING.
HOW FAR BACK DO I DARE GO TO TRY TO FIX EVERYTHING?
THESE TWO FOUGHT THEIR WAY HERE.
DO I SAVE DRAX, ONLY TO DOOM PHYLA AND MOONDRAGON AGAIN?

AND WHO ARE YOU? REQUIEM? OR GAMORA?
ONE OF THEM WILL SURELY KILL YOU WHEN TIME SLIPS BACK INTO GEAR.
PERHAPS... THAT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST.
EVERYONE THAT HAS EVER BEEN IN MY POSITION TO WIELD INFINITE POWER HAS BEEN *UNDONE* BY THEIR CHOICES.
PERHAPS I SHOULD NOT DECIDE THE OUTCOME...
...MAYBE *THEY* SHOULD.

DON'T TOUCH THE SOUL STONE-- WAIT--*WHERE'S GAMORA?*
I SENT HER AWAY FROM HERE.
OH BOY, HERE WE GO AGAIN.
NO, ROCKET.
I SENT HER AWAY, AND THEN I *RELINQUISHED* THE POWER INFINITE.

*WHERE* DID YOU SEND HER?
I DO NOT KNOW.
I USED THE STONES TO WISH THAT SHE BE DELIVERED TO A PLACE WHERE SHE CAN DO THE MOST *GOOD.*
AND THAT IF I HAVE ERRED, I ALONE PAY THE PRICE.
I CAN HOPE SHE IS SET UPON A PATH OF REDEMPTION.
SO NOW WHAT?!
WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE!
WARLOCK, YOU SAID YOU "RELINQUISHED" THE POWER INFINITE. RELINQUISHED TO *WHOM?*
CALM DOWN, PETER.
TO THE STONES, OF COURSE.

HUMANITY WILL FIGHT AND DIE FOR CONTROL OVER A COUPLE OF STONES.
WE WILL NEVER BE FREE OF THEIR BURDEN.
SO I GAVE EACH STONE A SOUL OF ITS OWN.
THEY WILL LEAD THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIVES. WRITE THEIR OWN DESTINIES.
YEARS AGO THE SOUL GEM GAVE ME A SOUL.
NOW I THINK I KNOW WHY.
IT'S SO I COULD GIVE THAT SAME GIFT NOW.

THESE SOULS WILL PROTECT THEMSELVES OR DIE TRYING.
AND IF THEY DO, WE WILL BE RIGHT BACK HERE AGAIN.
IN THE SAME STORY.
WELL, AT LEAST THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T TRIED YET.
I SUPPOSE *YOU* WILL KEEP THE SOUL GEM.
YES.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AND--
WHA--?!

LOOKS LIKE THAT DUMB ROCK HAS OTHER PLANS.
SORRY YOU GOT DUMPED. I'M SURE THERE'S ANOTHER ROCK OUT THERE FOR YOU.
SHUT UP, PETER.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE JUST CAST GAMORA OUT.
I'D THINK YOU'D BE MORE GRATEFUL FOR ME SAVING HER LIFE.
NOW I NEED SOME TIME ALONE, PETER.
YOU TWO NEED ANYTHING?
WE'RE FINE.
WE HAVE *EVERYTHING* WE NEED.

DO YOU GUYS HAVE A SIGNAL? ARE YOU ORDERING A CAR? I'M GONNA JUMP IN WITH YOU, OKAY? I'LL GET THE NEXT ONE.
WE JUST MADE IT BACK FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, I'M SURE WE CAN GET OUT OF EGYPT.
DAMMIT. DRAX.
GROOT IS SORRY TO LOSE HIS FRIENDS. GROOT HOPES YOU DO NOT DIE OR DISAPPEAR NEXT.
THAT'S A...NICE THOUGHT, GROOT.
THIS SHOULD NOT FEEL LIKE A DEFEAT.

ARTHUR DOUGLAS' UNTIMELY DEATH IS UNDONE.
HE'S BACK WHERE HE WAS HAPPIEST.
SURROUNDED BY LOVE.
AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE BORN OF A COSMIC COLLISION WAS SAVED FROM DEATH.
SPECIAL EDITION
DAILY BUGLE
WORLD DEFENDERS FORM

PERHAPS IT WILL GROW AND GIVE BIRTH TO NEW WONDERS.
WELCOME TO THE CITADEL OF THE DEFENDERS!
UNIVERSES ARE MADE DURING COSMIC COLLISIONS, AND WE FOUND OUT JUST HOW WEIRD AND WONDERFUL LIFE IS OUT THERE.
I ONCE FOUGHT FOR MY COUNTRY--NOW I'LL FIGHT FOR MY WORLD.
EVERY LIFE MUST BE DEFENDED, EVERY LOSS AVENGED.
THIS WORLD WILL HAVE ITS OWN DEFENDERS--AND WE WILL NEVER GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
EVEN GAMORA WAS PULLED FROM THE BRINK...

...TO FIND A NEW PATH.
:SIGH:
WHAKK
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, WARLOCK?
WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS MAGUS.
YES. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

WHERE ARE WE?
HOW DID I GET HERE?
IT'S A LONG STORY. COME ALONG, AND I'LL TELL YOU.
HEH. LET'S SEE HOW GOOD *YOU* ARE AT THIS.
H-HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I WAS SENT HERE BY A FRIEND.

OMNIPOTENCE CITY.
"THE END... FOR NOW." THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP...
...BUT I'LL LEAVE A FEW PAGES IN THE BACK IN CASE SOME OF THE TIME-TRAVEL ELEMENTS OF THE STORY HAVE YET TO PRESENT THEMSELVES.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON MY NEXT QUEST?
WHAT WARLOCK HAS DONE...THERE'S GOING TO BE HELL TO PAY.
NO, THANK YOU. MY LIBRARY NEEDS ME.
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T COME.
BUT I MIGHT JUST MISS YOU...

I FEEL LIKE A PIECE OF ME IS MISSING.

# THE END &
# A BEGINNING

# INFINITY WARS: FALLEN GUARDIAN 1

TITAN. MANY YEARS AGO.
"EVERY SOUL HAS A UNIQUE PURPOSE."
AND LET'S SAY FOR A MOMENT I WAS WILLING TO DEVALUE LIFE THE WAY THAT YOU DO...
WHY WOULD I?
I AM BUT ONE SOUL IN THIS UNIVERSE, BUT YOU ACT AS JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER.

YOU'VE BECOME A WEAKLING AND AN IDIOT, FATHER.
YOU'RE AN *EMBARRASSMENT.*
AND YOU'RE A *DANGER,* MY SON.

MUSICIANS HAVE THE CRAZIEST STORIES.
BULLSEY
HOTEL
LONG SLOTS
DYIN' ON ACCOUNT OF THE FLIP OF A COIN.
LONG SLOTS
CLUB
COSMIC S
OR SELLING THEIR SOUL TO A DEVIL.
BUT NOBODY HAS A CRAZIER STORY THAN *ME*.

MY NAME IS ARTHUR DOUGLAS, AND I *DESTROY*-- ON THE SAX.

THOSE ARE MY GIRLS AT THE BAR.
MY WIFE YVETTE AND OUR DAUGHTER HEATHER.
THIS IS MY BAND.
WE'RE NOT RICH OR FAMOUS, BUT WE CAN FILL A ROOM.
IT WAS A GREAT SHOW, DAD.
THANKS.
YOU SURE WE DON'T WANT TO GET A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT AND DRIVE BACK IN THE MORNING?
YOU KNOW HOW THE FIFTEEN CAN GET.
WE'LL BE GOOD. YOU TWO CAN SLEEP IN THE CAR.

HERE'S A TIP FOR ALL YOU MARRIED FELLAS OUT THERE.
WHEN YOUR WIFE ASKS YOU IF YOU WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN VEGAS--DO IT.
LAS VEGAS
SO I MENTIONED BEFORE ABOUT MUSICIANS HAVING THE CRAZIEST STORIES.
AND THIS IS WHERE OURS BEGAN.
WHOA! FALLING STAR.
I SAID "CRAZY" LIKE IT WAS GONNA BE FUN...

...BUT THIS WAS THE NIGHT MY LIFE TURNED TO *HELL*.
YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE IT IS!
IT'S SLOWING DOWN...
THERE'S NO GOOD REASON FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

OTHER THAN THE PURE MEANNESS OF A TYRANT.
SOMETIMES IN THE NIGHTMARE, OUR LIVES END IN A BEAM OF LIGHT.
SOMETIMES I SEE THANOS' FACE.
THE RESULT IS ALWAYS THE SAME.
THE THREE OF US DIE.

HEATHER?
YVETTE?
OH GOD, WHY?
I TRIED TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.
MY NAME IS MENTOR.
IN SOME WAYS THIS IS *MY* FAULT... I CANNOT UNDO THE TRAGEDY, BUT I WANT TO OFFER YOU A ***SECOND CHANCE.***

HOWEVER, YOU MUST MAKE THE CHOICE, ARTHUR DOUGLAS.
DO YOU WISH TO TRY TO *AVENGE* THIS INJUSTICE?
YES.
SO BE IT.
THE BIG BOPPER DIED ON A 50-50 TOSS-UP.
I GOT MY FAMILY KILLED 'CAUSE I WAS TOO CHEAP TO PAY FOR A HOTEL ROOM.

CHRONOS, PREPARE THE YOUNG WOMAN.
HER STRENGTH WILL BE HER *MIND.*
AND YOUR GIFT WILL BE OF THE *BODY.*
WHAT ABOUT MY WIFE?
I'M SORRY.
HER PHYSICAL FORM WAS TOO BADLY DAMAGED BEFORE WE INTERVENED. SHE IS GONE FOREVER... BUT YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE REBORN AS...

"...DRAX THE DESTROYER AND MOONDRAGON.
"LET THE CRIME OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FAMILY FUEL YOUR HUNGER FOR VENGEANCE--THE GALAXY WILL HAVE NEED OF IT.
"I WILL ASK YOU TO DO WHAT I CANNOT. YOU WILL OPPOSE THANOS, AND IF NEED BE...END HIM.
"IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT YOU SHOULD JUDGE HIM, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED BY HIM."

NOT EVERYONE CAN SAY THEY REMEMBER THEIR OWN BIRTH.
WHO WOULD WANT TO?
BUT I DO.
THAT NIGHT IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE VEGAS WAS THE END OF ART AND THE BEGINNING OF DRAX.
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR REGRETS OR SELF-PITY...

...THERE WAS TOO MUCH TO *DESTROY*.
I WAS REBORN FOR VENGEANCE.
I MADE SOME MISTAKES ALONG THE WAY...BUT THE GOOD OUTWEIGHED THE BAD.
THANOS WAS MY MISSION, BUT THERE WAS SOME FUN TOO. AS TIME WENT ON I MADE POWERFUL FRIENDS.
WE SAVED COUNTLESS OTHER BEINGS FROM MY FATE.

I DIED ONCE OR TWICE TOO
ARISE, DRAX. WE WILL LIVE AGAIN...
BUT THAT WAS NEVER THE END OF MY STORY.
...IN SOUL WORLD.
I WAS ONLY HIDDEN AWAY.
...UNTIL I WAS NEEDED AGAIN.

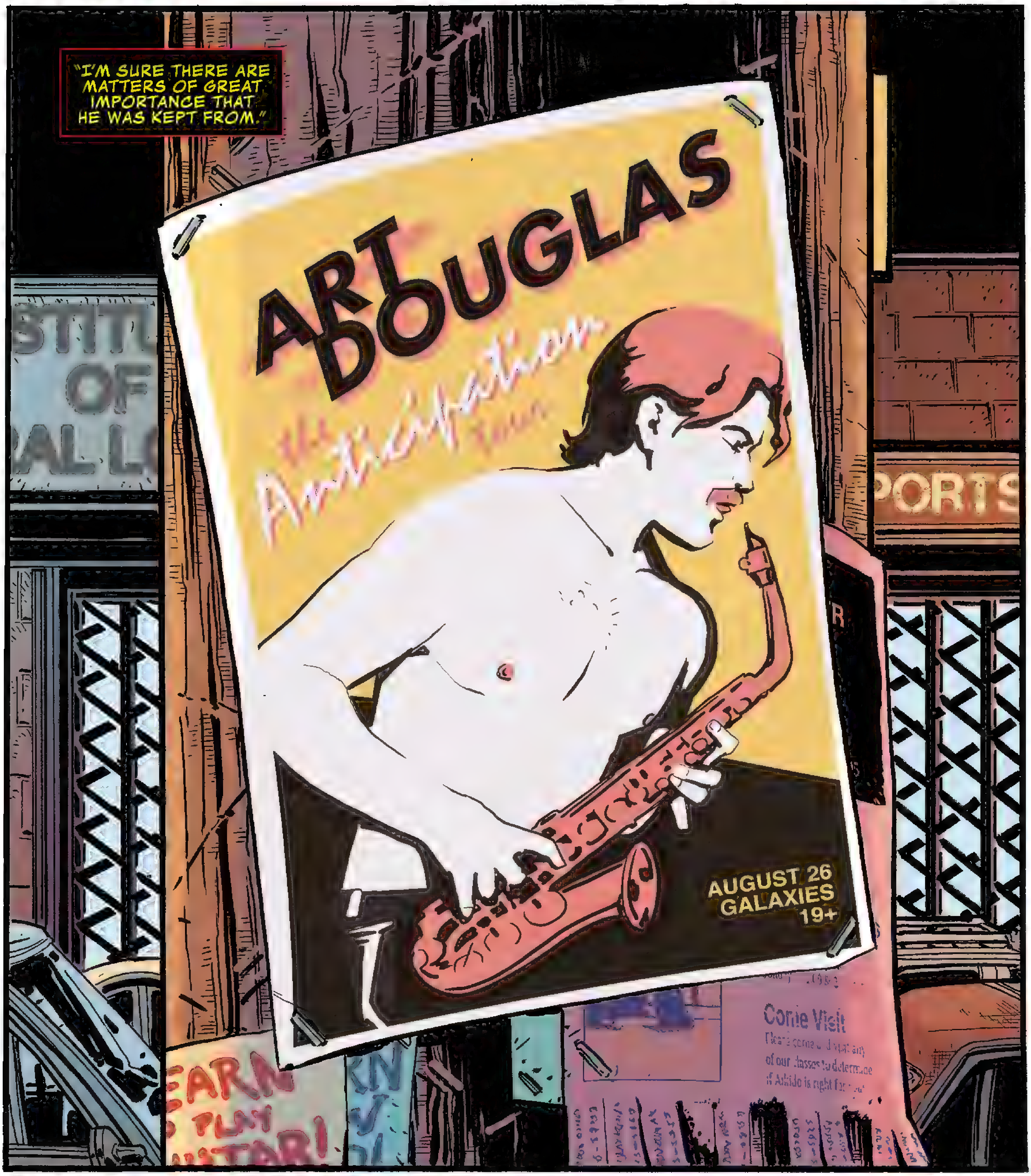
MAYBE HISTORY IS *REPEATING* ITSELF.
ALL I KNOW IS... I'M EXHAUSTED, PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.
NOW THAT GAMORA HAS RID THE UNIVERSE OF MY NEMESIS...
...PERHAPS I CAN *UNCLENCH* MY FISTS.
PERHAPS MY FIGHT IS OVER.

I HAD DREAMS OF MY OWN.
THIS IS GROOVY.
IS IT?
WITH TWO WORLDS ON THE LINE, ARTHUR AND I HELD THE DOORS OPEN TO SAVE BOTH. NOW WE'RE AT A CROSSROADS.
IF THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T NEED ME TO BE A LIVING WEAPON, THEN WHAT WILL I CHOOSE TO BE?
DRAX. ARTHUR. YOU WERE ALWAYS *TWO* SOULS WARPED TOGETHER.
I CAN USE THE STONE TO ENTER SOUL WORLD AND COLLECT YOU AFTER THE INFINITY WARS.

NAH, MAN.
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS ANYMORE.
IF I CAN GO HOME AGAIN...
...THEN THAT'S WHAT I WANT.
IF WE CAN RIGHT THAT WRONG...
...THEN WE SHOULD.
I UNDERSTAND.
ARTHUR. STAY OUT OF THE DESERT.
"SO— THAT'S IT?!"

YES, THAT IS IT, STAR-LORD. DRAX AND ARTHUR DECIDED THEIR FIGHTS WERE OVER.
WELL, HE DIDN'T TELL *ME* THAT!
I WISH I COULD HEAR IT FROM HIM.
GROOT DOESN'T LIKE CAMPFIRES.
GROOT WONDERS IF YOU BOTH CAN'T CLING TOGETHER FOR WARMTH RATHER THAN BURN WOOD?
NO, THANK YOU.
NAH.
PETER, EVEN IF I WANTED TO IGNORE THEIR WISHES--
"--I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO SOUL WORLD RIGHT NOW. THE STONE HAS GONE OFF INTO THE UNIVERSE TO JOIN WITH AN UNKNOWN PERSON.

DIVE BAR
"WE MUST HAVE FAITH THAT WHEREVER ART IS—
"—HE IS HAPPY.
"DRAX BROUGHT MUCH INTO ALL YOUR LIVES, BUT ART PAID THE PRICE.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY?
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY?
"NOW THE SCALES HAVE BEEN BALANCED.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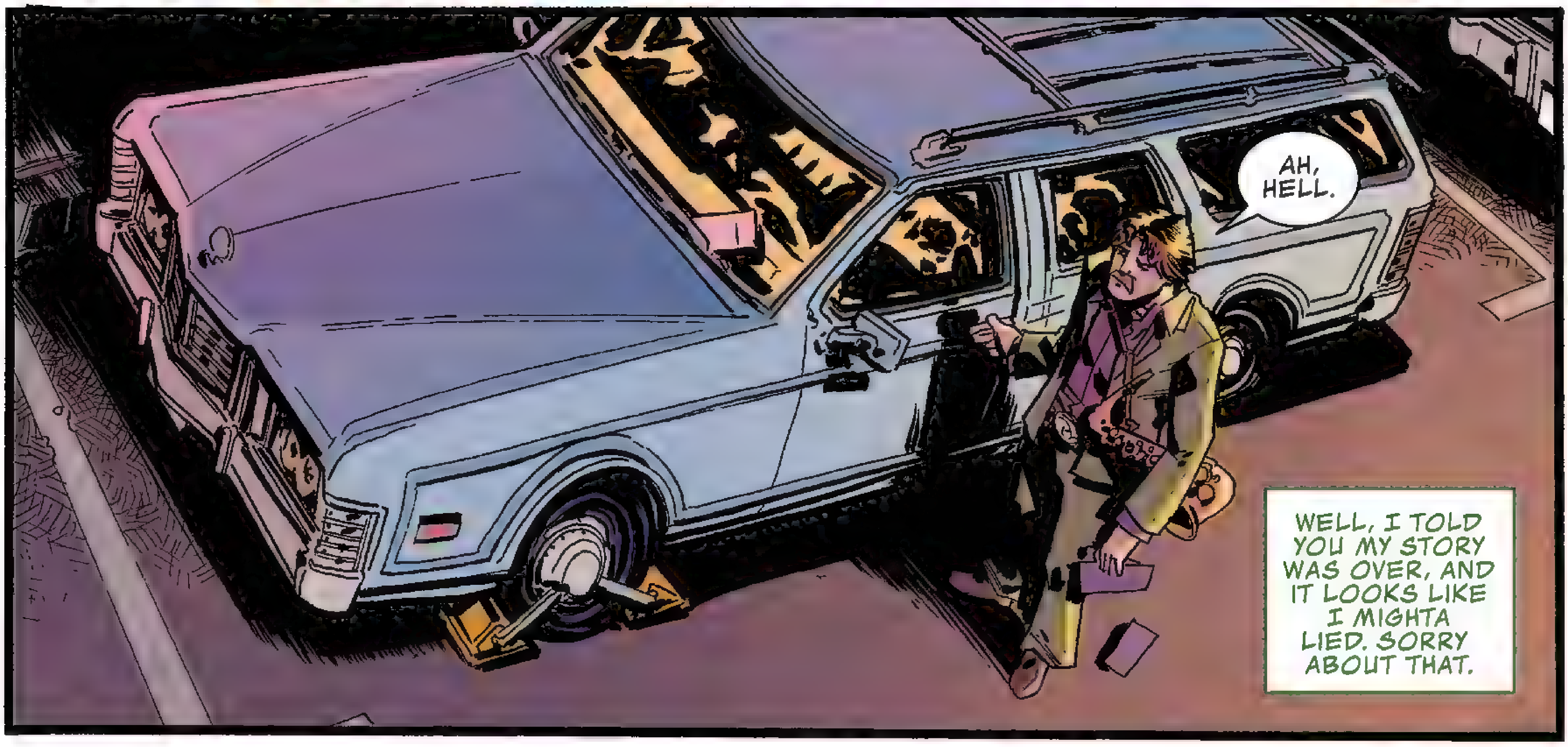
AH, HELL.
WELL, I TOLD YOU MY STORY WAS OVER, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I MIGHTA LIED. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I BELIEVE IN PAST LIVES.
I ALSO BELIEVE IN FUTURE LIVES. TIME DOESN'T EXIST.
IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT ONCE.
HOLLYWOOD
LIFE IS GOOD AGAIN. LIKE, *REALLY* GOOD.

I SELL HOMES BY DAY--
OPEN HOUSE
HOUSE FOR SALE
--SO I CAN DESTROY ON STAGE AT NIGHT.
OPEN HOUSE
HOUSE FOR SALE
I'M A GOOD REALTOR. I REMEMBER THE LITTLE THINGS THAT HELP MOVE A HOUSE.
BUT I CAN'T HELP THE FEELING...
...THAT SOMETHING'S MISSING FROM MY LIFE.
SOL
HO

I NEVER USED TO REMEMBER MY DREAMS.
NOW I CAN'T FORGET THE SAME DAMN NIGHTMARE.
NO, LEAVE US ALONE!
ART! YOU'RE HAVING ANOTHER BAD DREAM!

THANOS
"DO YOU HEAR ME, ART? IGNORE WHATEVER HORROR YOU'RE IMAGINING."
C'MON DOWN HERE, MAN.
IT WILL BE YOUR END IF I DO, EARTHLING.

HUHN.
THE DESERT DREAM AGAIN.
KIND OF.
I WAS GONNA SAVE THIS UNTIL YOU'VE HAD COFFEE IN THE MORNING, BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE UP...I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
"AND THAT'S THE TRUTH ABOUT THE END OF ARTHUR DOUGLAS, THE BEGINNING OF DRAX THE DESTROYER AND THEN THE REBIRTH OF ARTHUR DOUGLAS."
YOU--YOU'RE PREGNANT?
YEP. CONGRATS, DADDY.
FEELS LIKE A GIRL.

BEFORE THE SOUL GEM FLEW OFF TO BE JOINED WITH ANOTHER SOUL, I GOT A GLIMPSE INTO SOUL WORLD AFTER IT WAS FREE OF DEVONDRA. IT LOOKED LIKE IT ONCE WAS. IDYLLIC AND FREE.
I THINK ART HAS A REAL SHOT AT TRUE *HAPPINESS.*
I KNOW I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR HIM, BUT IT DON'T MAKE IT EASIER ON ME, WARLOCK.
I LOST GAMORA *AND* DRAX ON THE SAME DAMN DAY.
GAMORA BECAME REQUIEM.
PERHAPS SHE MAY ONE DAY BE *REBORN* INTO GAMORA?
GROOT HAS A QUESTION. ARTHUR DOUGLAS GETS A SECOND CHANCE, BUT DRAX WAS MADE OF TWO SOULS: SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOUL OF *THE DESTROYER?*
HNNH.
I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHEREVER THE SOUL OF THE DESTROYER IS...

"...I'M SURE HE'S DOING WHAT MAKES HIM HAPPY."
THE END...FOR NOW!

# INFINITY WARS: INFINITY 1

TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY AT HUNTSVILLE.
YARD TIME IS OVER.
LET'S GO, HECTOR.
HEY! YOU HEAR ME?
I WAS BORN AFTER WE STOPPED GOING TO THE MOON.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE'D GET BACK UP THERE IN MY LIFETIME.
YOU KNOW, LIKE--REGULAR PEOPLE. NOT JUST SUPER HEROES.
WELL, MAYBE NASA WILL SEND SOMEONE BACK TONIGHT BEFORE YOU TAKE THE LONG WALK *TOMORROW.*
IT TAKES THREE DAYS TO EVEN GET THERE, MAN.
SHADDUP, HECTOR.

MY NAME'S HECTOR BAUTISTA. MY LAWYER DOESN'T HAVE GOOD NEWS.
THE PRIEST HAS EVEN WORSE NEWS. SOMETHING ABOUT MY SOUL.
I JUST NOD POLITELY.
MY FOLKS.
I AIN'T GOT THE WORDS THEY WANT TO HEAR.
TEXAS IS GONNA KILL ME TOMORROW UNDER A NEARLY FULL MOON.
WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHAT THEY CALL THAT.
"IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THIS DIMENSION HAS MUCH GOING FOR IT.

"I KNOW BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS, BUT IF THIS IS ALL THAT IS LEFT OF XANDAR-- WHAT'S THE REST OF THIS UNIVERSE LOOK LIKE?"
AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE I DON'T CARE WHO ELSE IS DEAD.
HOW ROMANTIC.
YOU THERE!
YOU'RE PHYLA-VELL AND MOONDRAGON, AREN'T YOU?
YOU WERE WITH REQUIEM WHEN SHE WAS DEFEATED.
*WHO* WIELDS THE INFINITY STONES NOW?
TELL US, AND WE CAN AVOID ANY... UNPLEASANTNESS.
FINALLY.
SOME FUN.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE ENJOYABLE THAN "AVOIDING" THE UNPLEASANTNESS OF MEN.
OR ROBOTS, OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU ARE.

A DRAGON?!
MY DRAGON IS ALL IN YOUR MIND.
WHAKK
WHILE HER DRAGON RIPS YOUR HEAD TO SHREDS--I'LL WORK THE BODY.
BOOM
NOW. HELP US TRY TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING...
...WE SURVIVED AN INFINITY WAR, AND THEN *YOU* THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT SOME INFORMATION ON THE NEW *INFINITY WATCH* OUT OF US?
ER...

WE FOUGHT THE WOMEN TO A STANDSTILL...
...AND MOONDRAGON ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS, IN FACT, A NEW, *SECRET* INFINITY WATCH, TALONAR.
TAKE THIS RAPTOR AWAY.
THANK YOU, TALONAR. I DID MY BEST!
YES. I KNOW.
FOR THE FRATERNITY!

COMPUTER: ENGAGE OUR HACKED SATELLITE IN ORBIT ABOVE EARTH.
DISPLAY ANY ANOMALOUS LAUNCHES.
FIVE STREAKS OF LIGHT--THE COLOR OF THE STONES LEAVING EARTH.
IT APPEARS AT LEAST ONE STONE REMAINS ON EARTH.
THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS MUST FIND WHO WIELDS THE POWER OF THE STONES.
THE WAR TO CONTROL THE STONES WILL NEVER END...

...UNLESS THE STONES ARE NOT JUST OBJECTS-- BUT PEOPLE.
LET THE SOUL GEM GIVE THE OTHER STONES LIFE AND AGENCY OVER THEIR DESTINIES!

WHERE THEY WILL GO-- AND WHO THEY WILL BECOME--I DO NOT KNOW.
HOPEFULLY THE STONES GO WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED.
I HOPE THEY LIVE SECRET, QUIET LIVES.
BDOOM
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

OH MY GOD!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
ON THE GROUND, BAUTISTA!
WA-WAIT!

STOP!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
IF THIS IS SOME KIND OF JOKE YOU GUYS PULL ON US THE NIGHT BEFORE EXECUTIONS--IT'S A REAL BUMMER.
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?
HMM.
BAUTISTA--WHOA!

HUH--WHAT? 'SUP, BOSS.
HOW'D YOU MOVE THAT FAST, BAUTISTA?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
LOOK UP.
PIPE BURST?
THIS WAS AN IMPACT DOWNWARD.
LOCK THIS CELL. MOVE UP TO THE NEXT BLOCK.
CHECK THE ROOF.
THE PRISON WAS HIT BY SOMETHING--MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUMTHIN' THAT FELL OFF A PLANE?
"TODAY IS THE LAST DAY ON EARTH FOR CONVICTED MURDERER HECTOR BAUTISTA..."

...AND HE WAS NEARLY KILLED BY WHAT PRISON OFFICIALS DESCRIBE AS A *"METEOR STRIKE"* IN THE EARLY MORNING--JUST HOURS BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED EXECUTION.
*BUT THAT'S THE STATE OF TEXAS' JOB!*
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME. I'M DIFFERENT NOW. I JUST FEEL IT IN MY BONES.
YOU'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME, SON. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DISCUSS WITH ME?
APPRECIATE THE TIME, FATHER, BUT I DON'T NEED YA.
I DIDN'T KILL THOSE PEOPLE.
I USED TO PRAY THAT THE REAL GUY WOULD GET CAUGHT AND THAT EVERYONE WOULD REALIZE THE WRONG THAT WAS DONE TO ME.
AND I'D SUE TEXAS AND BE A MILLIONAIRE.
BUT I DON'T PRAY NO MORE. NOT FOR NUTHIN'.

ALL RIGHTY THEN.
READY, HECTOR?
LEMME CLEAN UP.
547302
WHY? WHAT'S THE POINT?
I DID IT AGAIN.
I CAN STOP TIME.

OH MAN, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
PHIL, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME I WAS A MESS?
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE. I'M ALWAYS LOOKING AT YOUR PRETTY FACE.
STOP.
HOW LONG DOES THIS LAST?
GUESS I'LL FIND OUT THE HARD WAY.
I KNOW THERE'S A DOOR TO THE OUTSIDE IN THE SCREWS' OFFICE.
AFTER THE EXECUTION WE'LL RETURN EVERYBODY TO REGULAR SHIFTS.
NO OVERTIME.

SORRY. JUST PASSING THROUGH.
GEEZ! GRAB HIM!
STOP.
HOW THE--?!
AFTER TODAY'S EXECUTION, WE'LL BE IN AUSTIN FOR TOMORROW'S MUSIC FESTIVAL--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN WILL--
ACTION NEWS
--SPOIL... HEY! HEY!
ACTION NEWS
HA HA HA! YES!
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"WELL, I DIDN'T SEE THIS END COMING..."

I APPRECIATE YOUR COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY, FLOWA.
STOP SAYING THAT, LOKI. THIS IS A VAULT OF TOMES, NOT A HALFWAY HOUSE FOR HOMELESS GODS. I MUST INSIST YOU BE ON YOUR WAY.
SO-- THAT'S IT, THEN?
WE SURVIVE ASSEMBLING THE INFINITY STONES, YOU GET TO WRITE YOUR BOOK AND NOW I'M OUT WITH THE RUBBISH?
*UNLESS*--YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHAT YOU LEARNED WHEN YOU SLIPPED INTO THE PRIME UNIVERSE THAT HAS YOU SO UPSET?
THINKING ABOUT THE COMING WAR OF THE REALMS GIVES ME AN UPSET STOMACH.
RIGHT, THEN--

--ON YER WAY!
TA!
OOF!
WHUDD
YOU CANTANKEROUS OLD WRETCH!
I KNOW BETTER THAN TO CHALLENGE YOU WHEN YOU'RE NEAR SO MANY BOOKS.
THERE YOU ARE! YER A HARD MAN TO FIND. GET IN!
I AM NO MAN, AND YOU MUST BE JESTING.

I AIN'T, BUB.
YOU WON'T REMEMBER ANY OF OUR PREVIOUS CHATS, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME.
NOW GET IN, WE GOT A UNIVERSE TO SAVE.
TO BE CONTINUED IN WOLVERINE: INFINITY WATCH!

# THANOS LEGACY 1 "ONE"

THE PAST

A FATHER

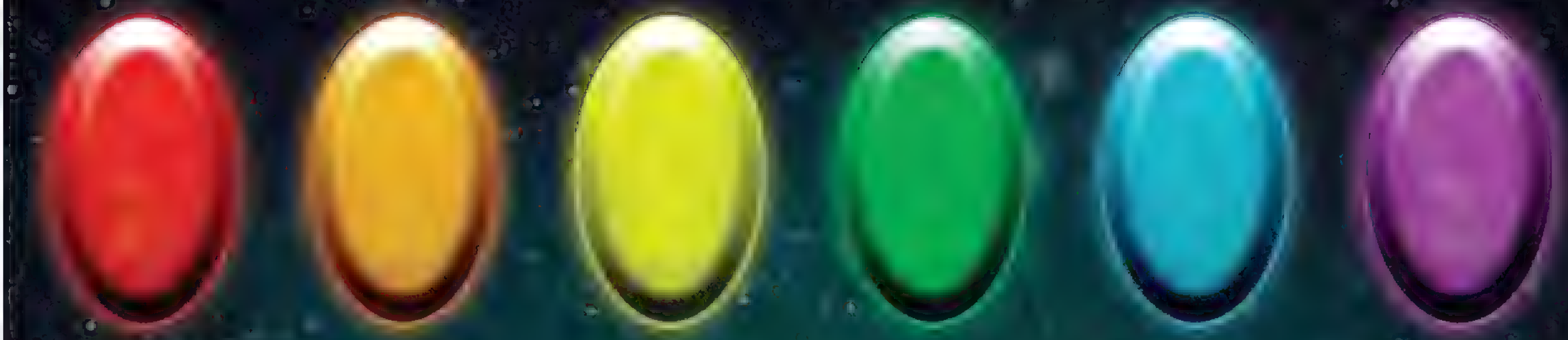
A DAUGHTER

A SIMPLE REQUEST...

THE END.

# THE SAGA OF THE INFINITY STONES...

The Infinity Stones (also called Soul Gems or Infinity Gems) are six age-old stones often sought by beings lusting after vast power. Each stone controls an aspect of creation itself. In their original iteration, the stones' powers and colors were as such:



| POWER | TIME | REALITY | SOUL | MIND | SPACE |
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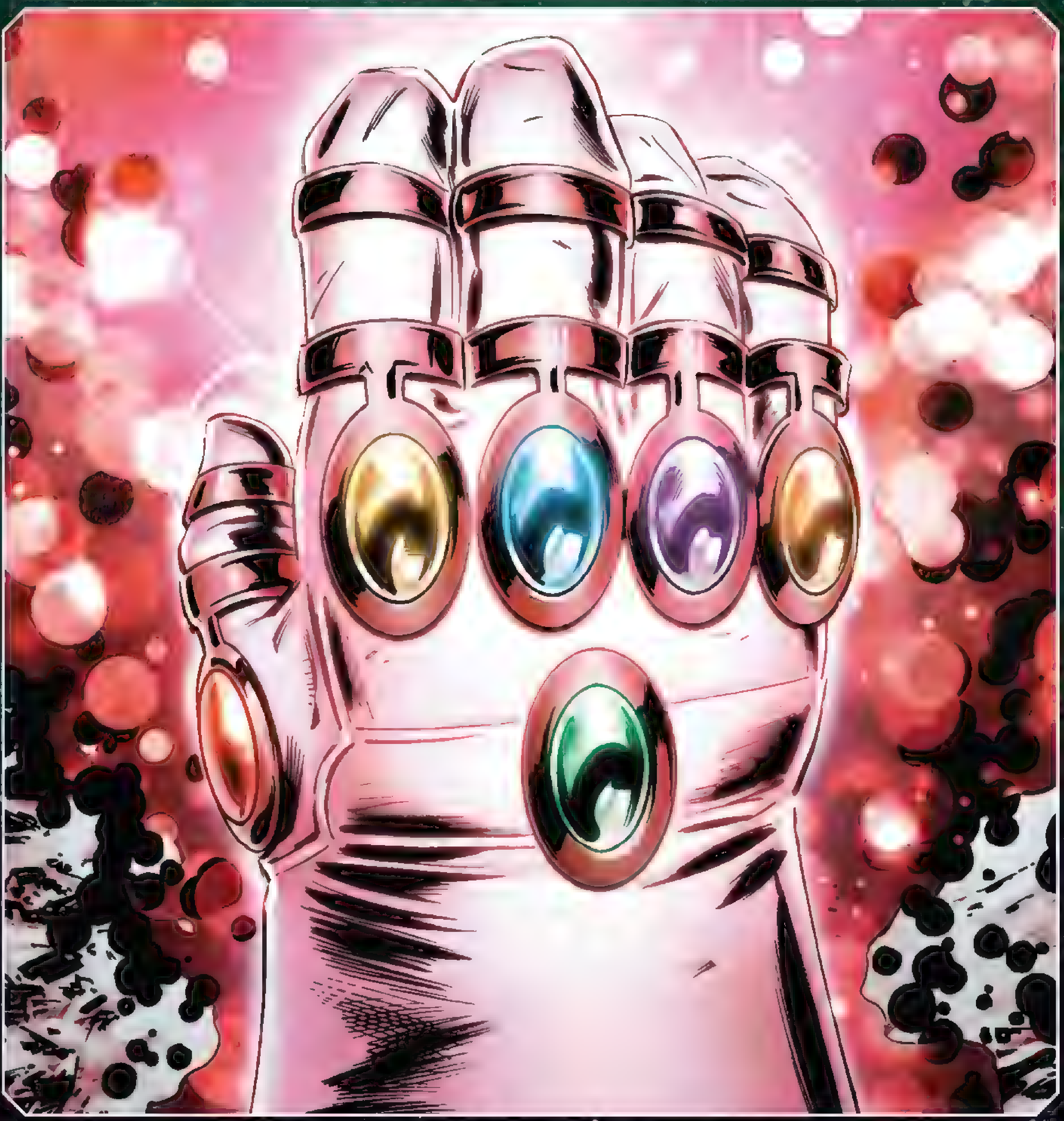
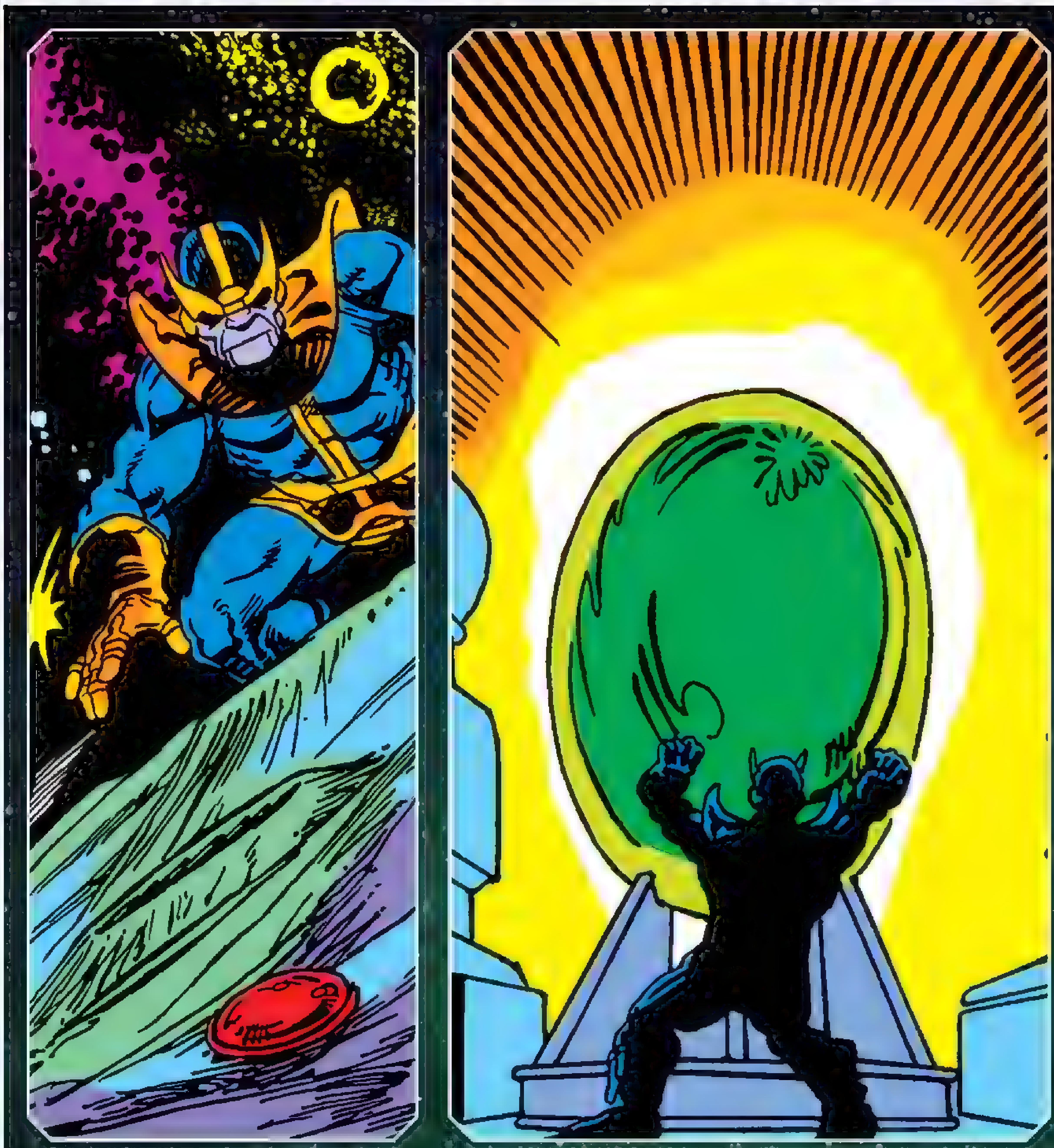
| Grants unlimited strength and energy manipulation; fuels the other Infinity Stones. | Enables time travel, freezing of time and manipulation of age; in conjunction with other stones, can alter the past. | Can rewrite existence and alter reality; doing so without the other Infinity Stones poses immense risk. | Can alter a being's core personality, access the collective unconscious and confer souls to a peaceful Soulworld dimension. | Bestows limitless telepathic and telekinetic power. | Eliminates distance through teleportation and manipulation of space. |



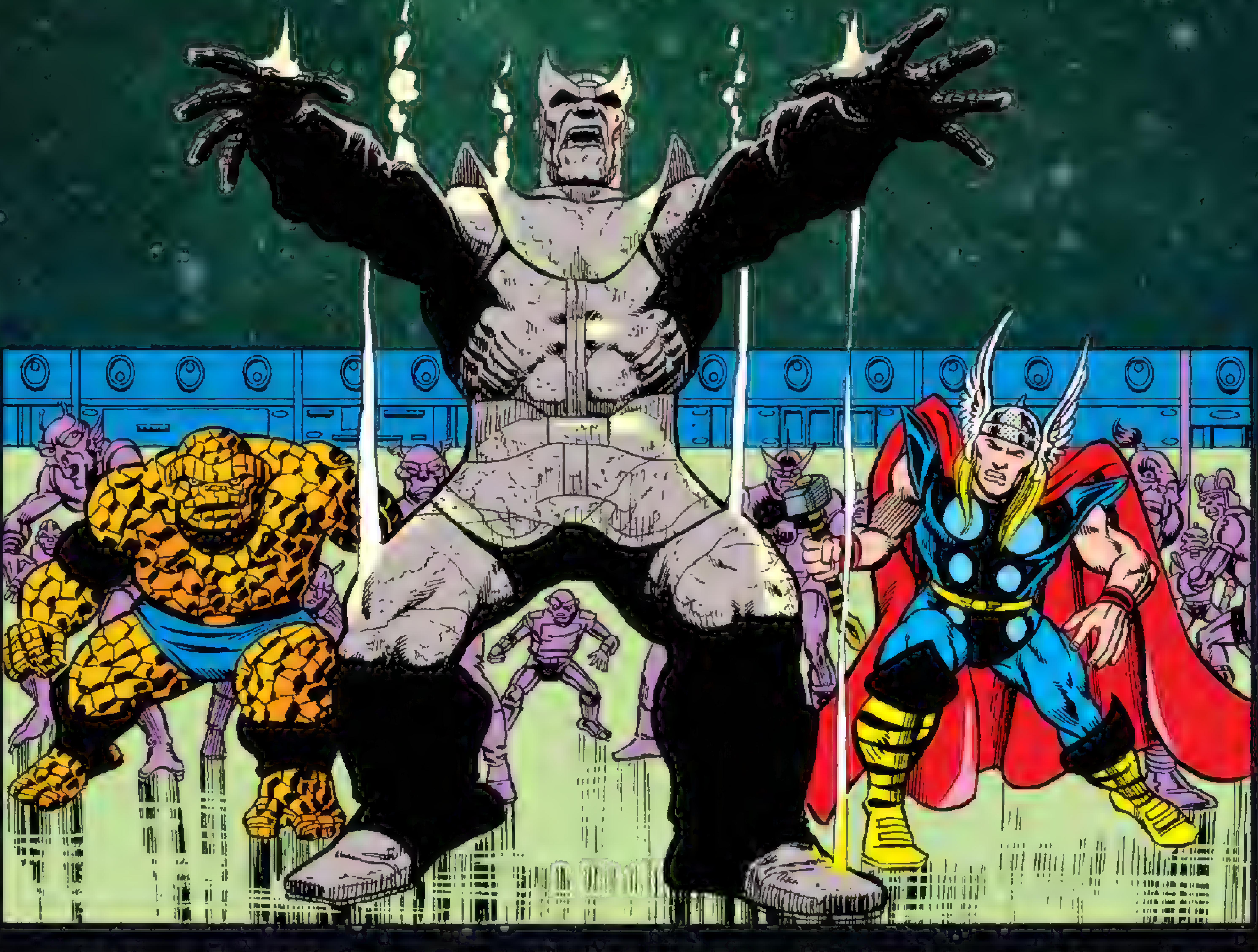
Together, the Stones grant omnipotence and omniscience to the user, their power limited only by the wielder's imagination.

It is believed that before the existence of the eighth iteration of reality, a solitary omnipotent being ended its lonely existence, leaving behind six aspects of itself in the form of colored stones possessing limited sentience. Over millennia, the individual stones occasionally adopted hosts, ultimately becoming galactic legends.

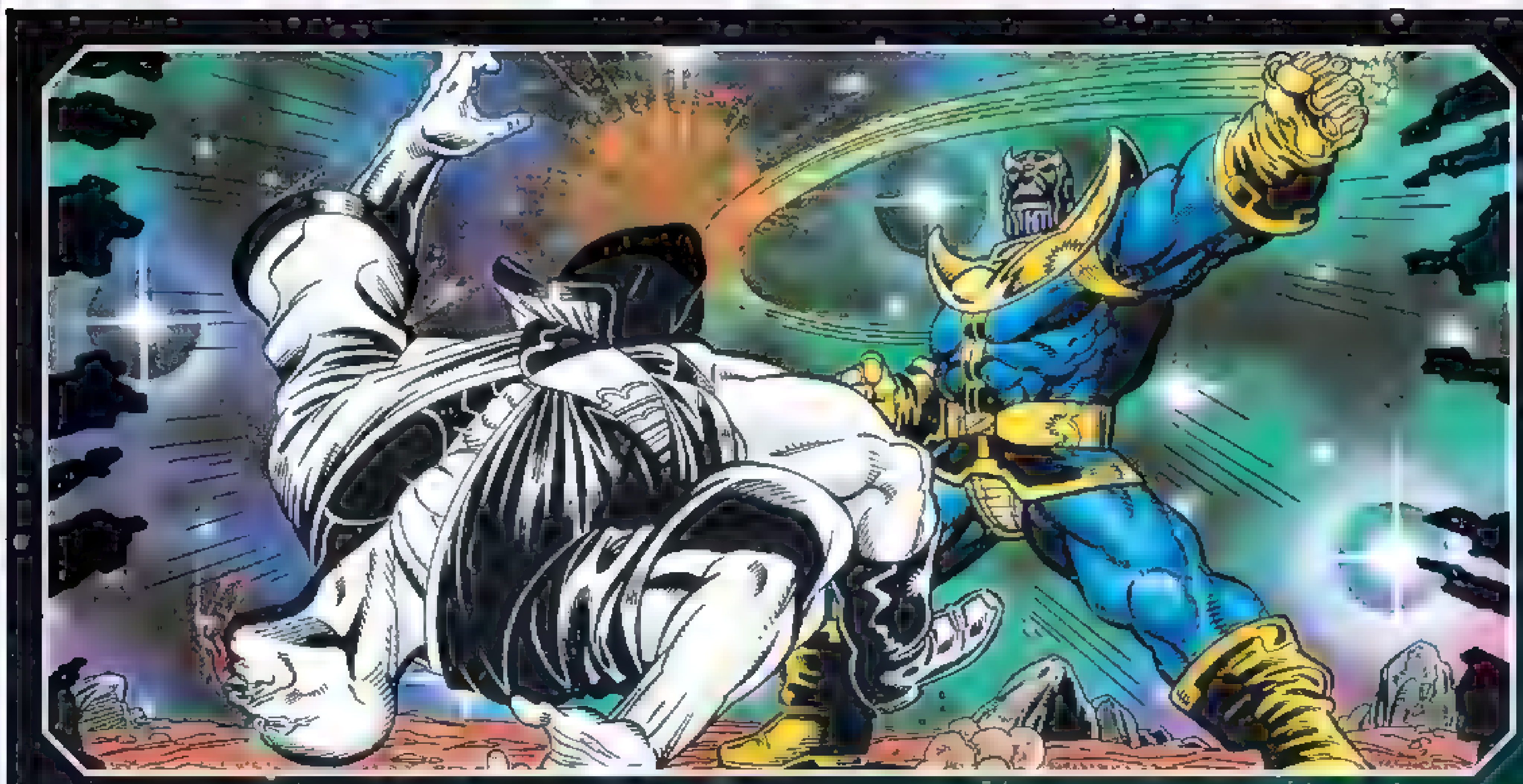
In modern times, the High Evolutionary (Herbert Wyndham) obtained multiple stones through unrevealed circumstances and used them to create Counter-Earth on the opposite side of Earth's sun, then granted the Soul Stone to genetically engineered being Adam Warlock to enable him to serve as protector of Counter-Earth's populace. Warlock proved capable of resisting the Soul Stone's oft-corrupting and parasitic nature.

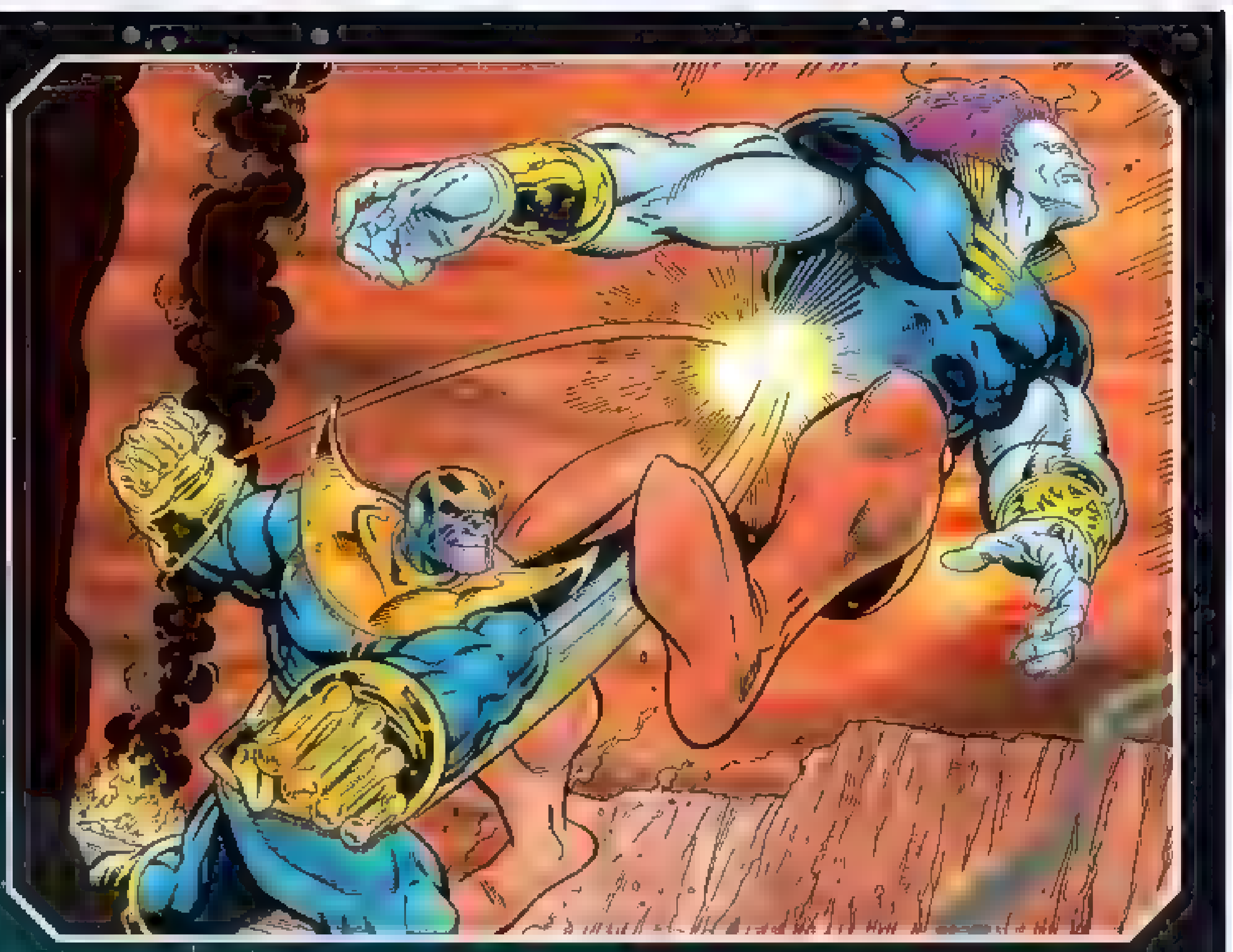


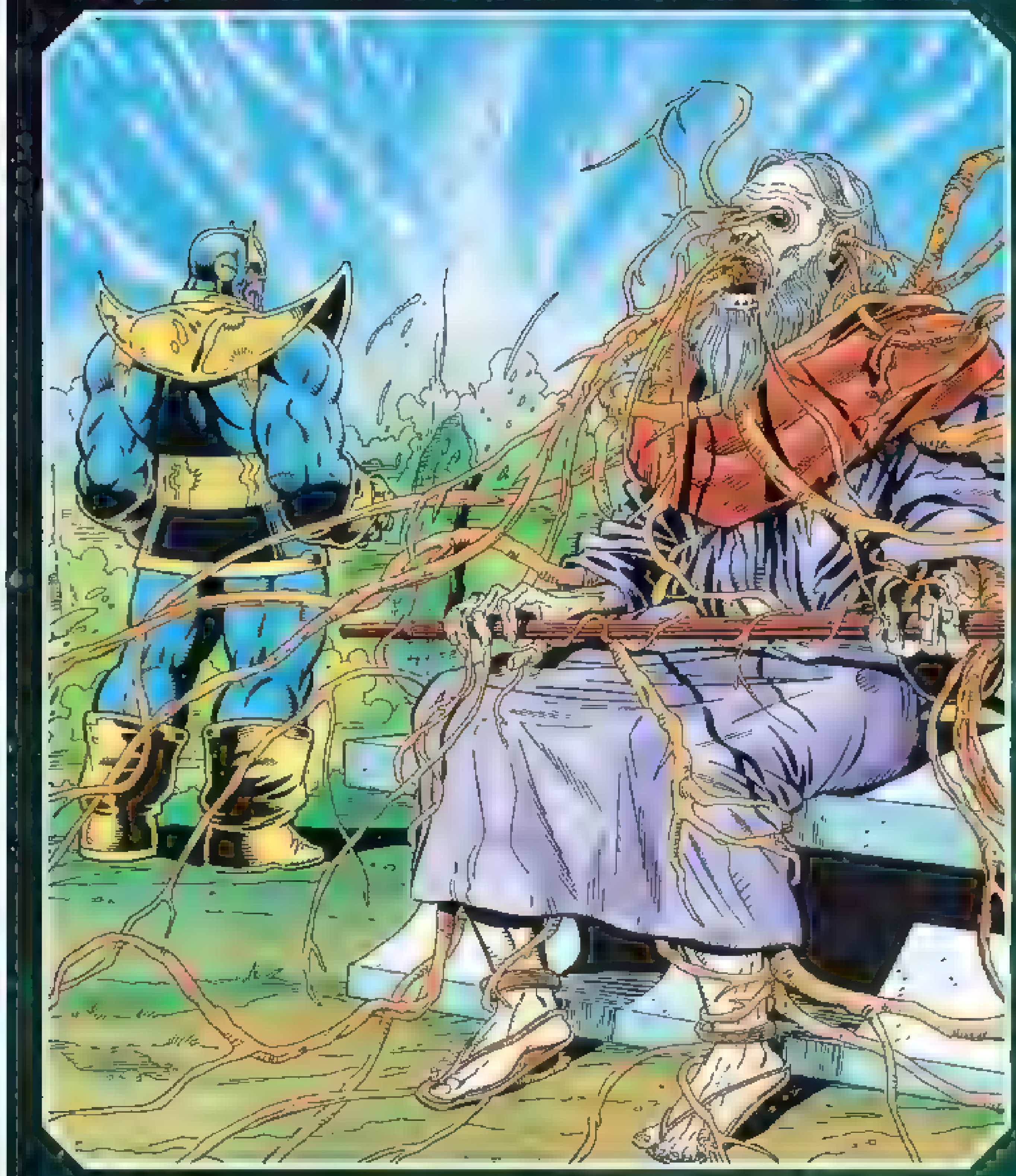
After learning of the stones from an ancient scroll on a dead world, the death-obsessed Thanos of Titan located them and built a large, synthetic gem that siphoned and focused the stones' power. Seeking the love of the cosmic representation of Death, Thanos attempted to destroy the universe's stars as a sacrifice to her.

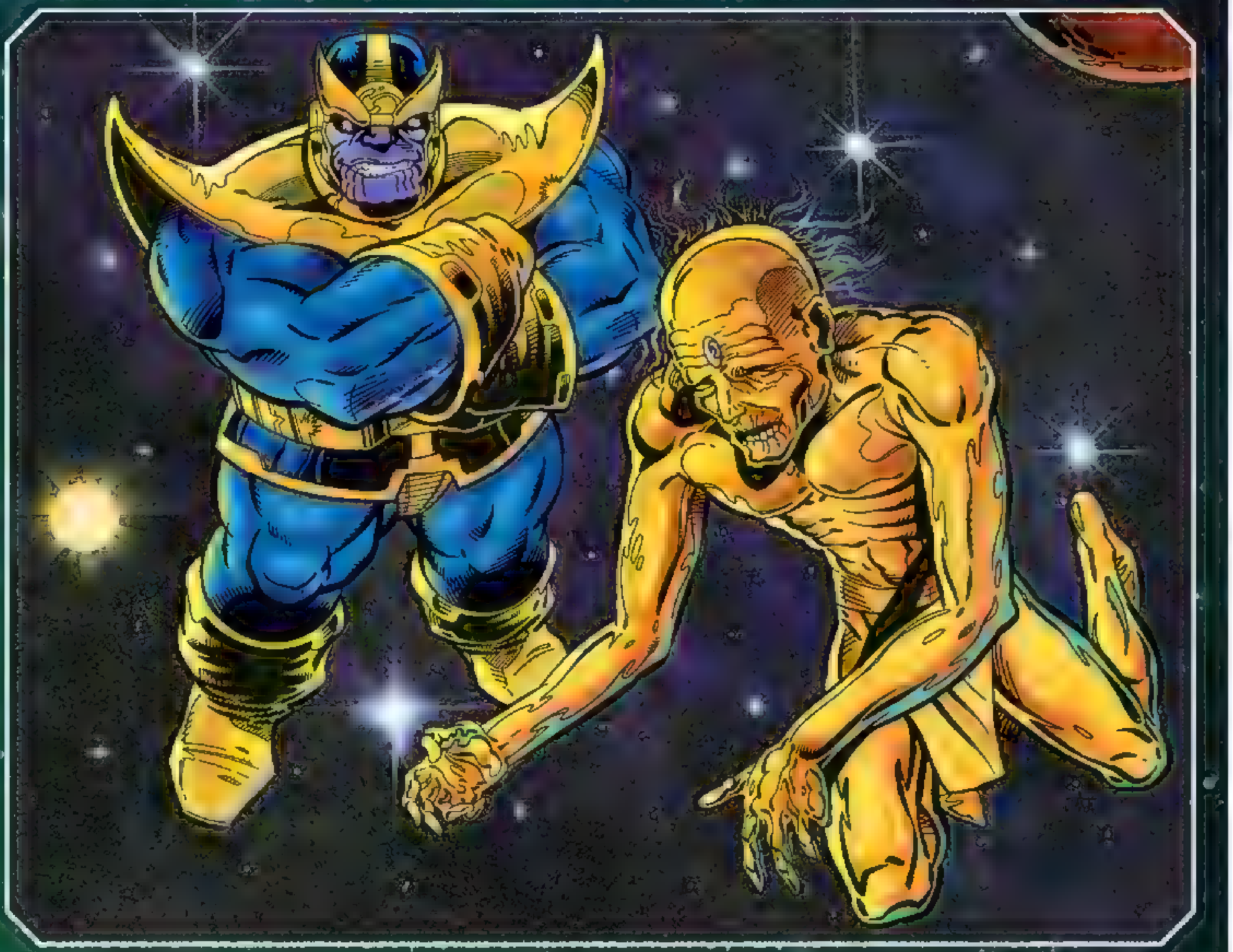


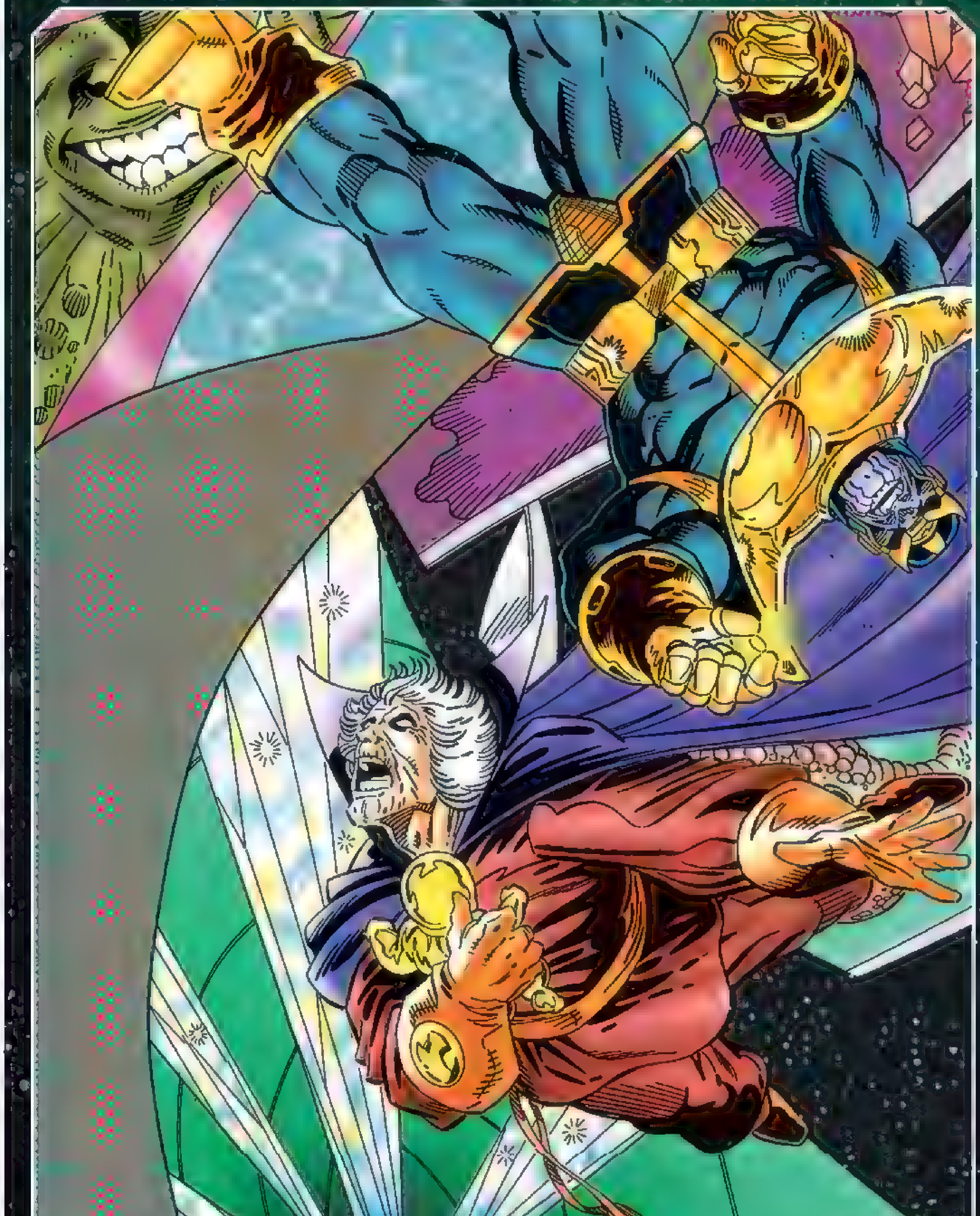
While opposing Thanos alongside heroes from Earth and throughout the universe, Adam Warlock was mortally wounded, and his soul was drawn into the Soul Stone. Warlock's soul eventually freed itself to execute Thanos by transforming him into unliving granite. The stones were somehow scattered after Thanos' defeat, but the immortal Elders of the Universe gradually found them.

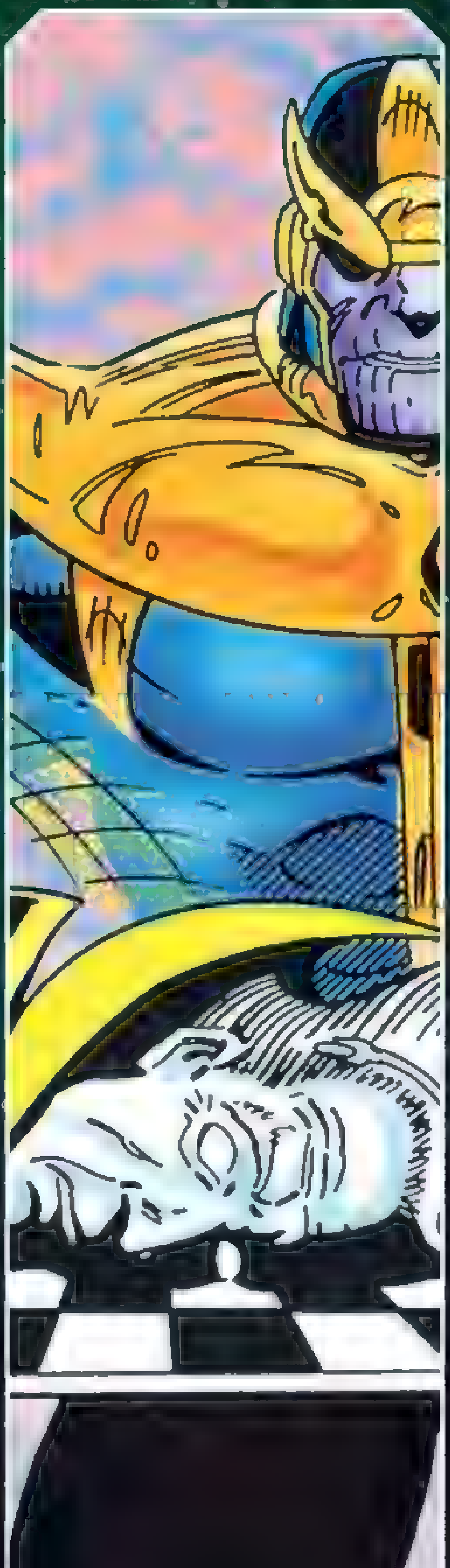








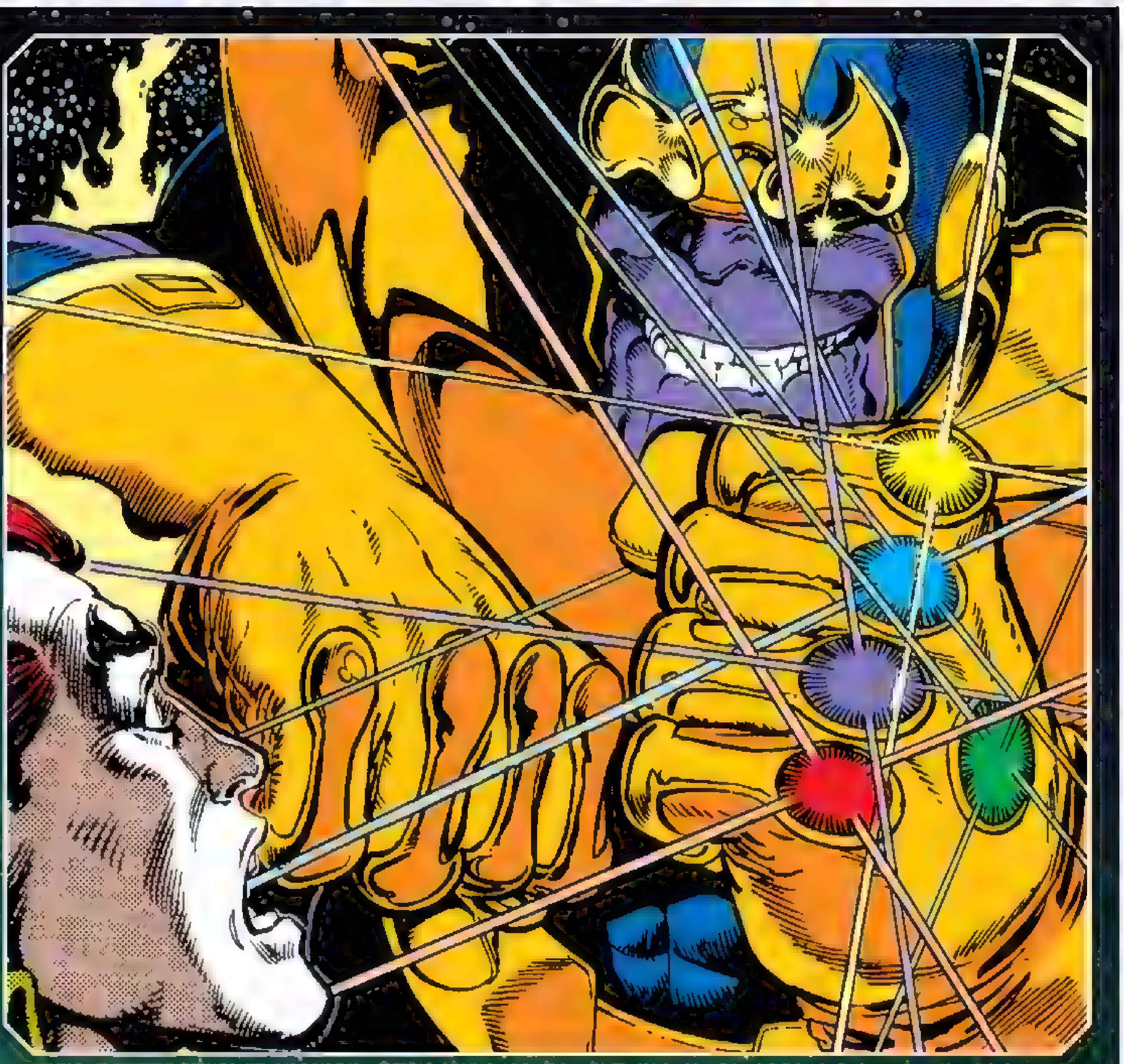


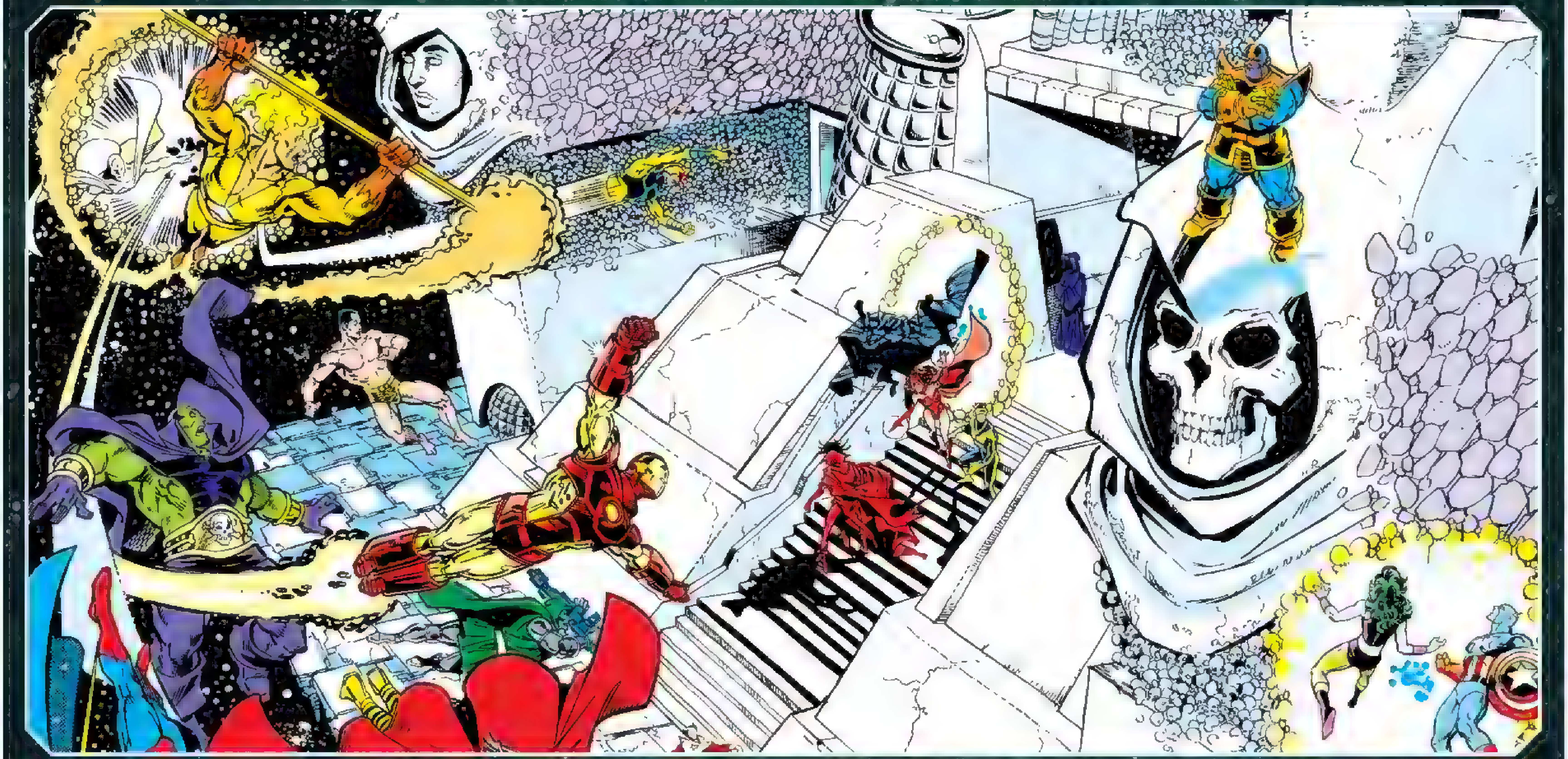


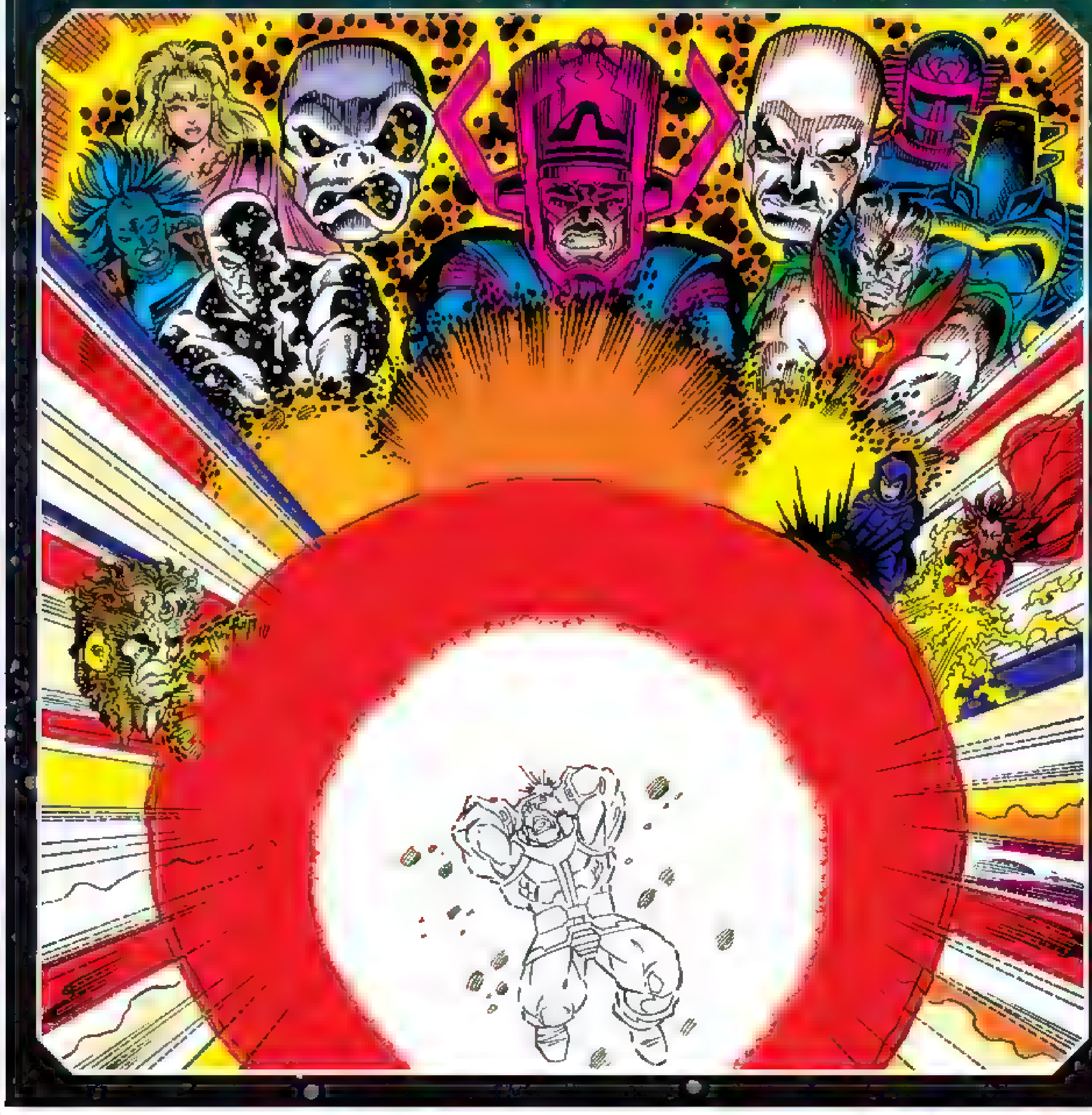
When the universe's population reached a point where more beings were alive than had ever died, Death resurrected Thanos and tasked him with correcting this imbalance. After learning of the stones' origins and true potential power, Thanos methodically and cruelly obtained them from their wielders.

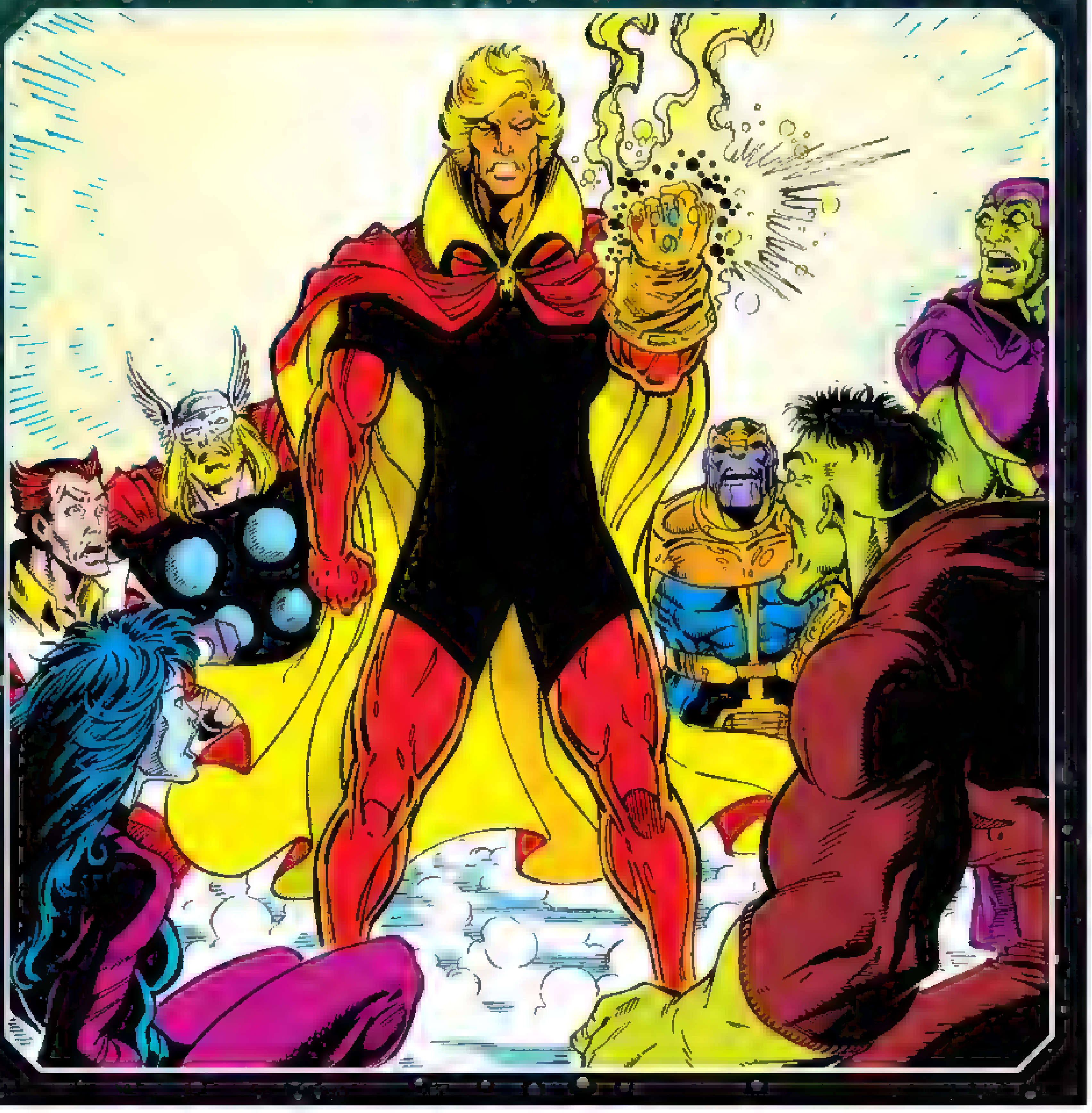
Thanos embedded the stones in a gauntlet and used them to become the universe's highest power. After eliminating half of the living beings in the universe, Thanos was opposed by a collection of mortal and cosmic super-beings, including Adam Warlock, who returned to life to counter Thanos.

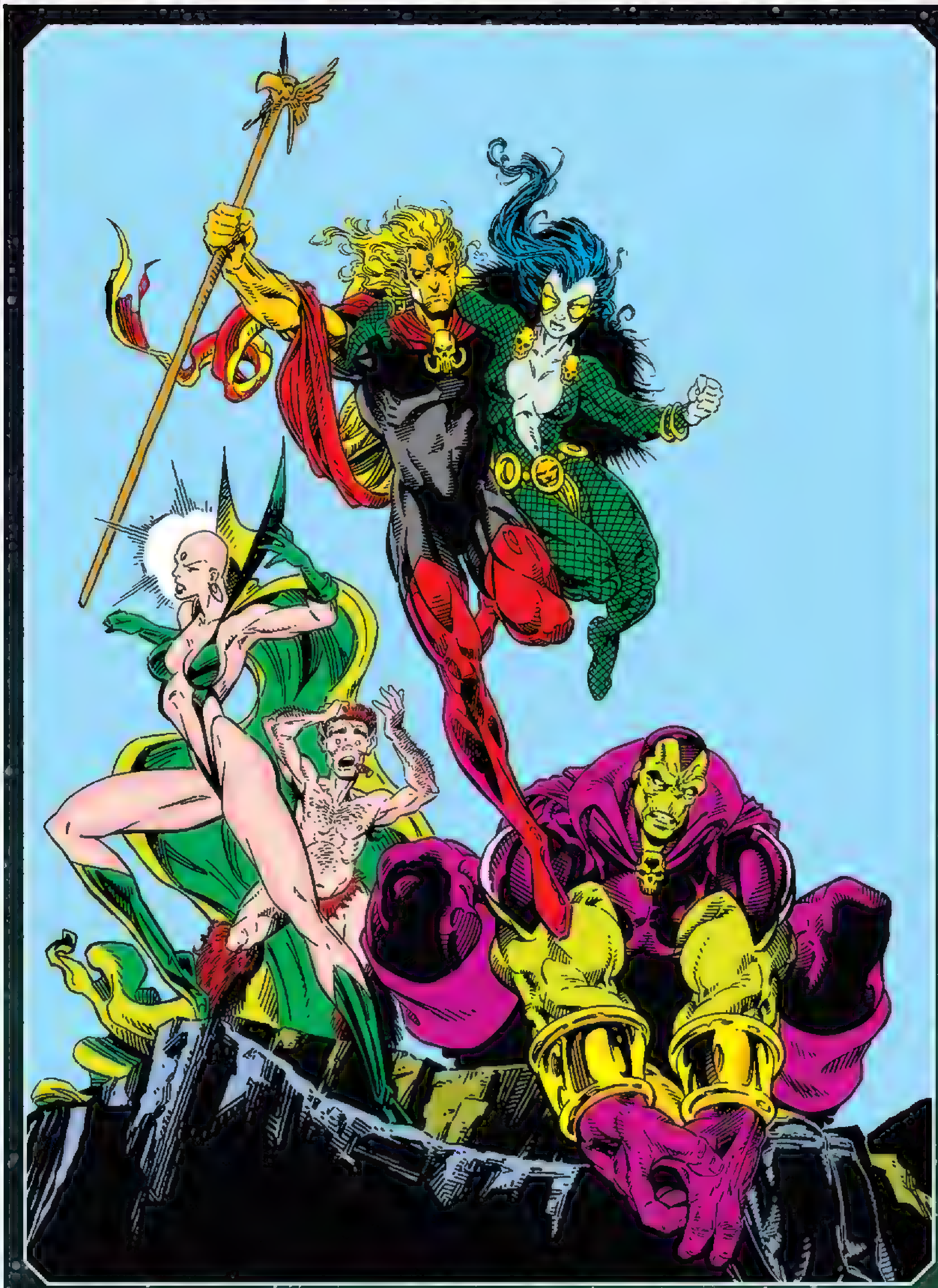
However, when he ascended to the position of the central being of creation, Thanos left his physical body—and the gauntlet—unattended. After Thanos' alleged granddaughter Nebula used the Infinity Gauntlet to undo Thanos' universal damage, Warlock forced Nebula to drop the Gauntlet so he could claim the stones for himself.





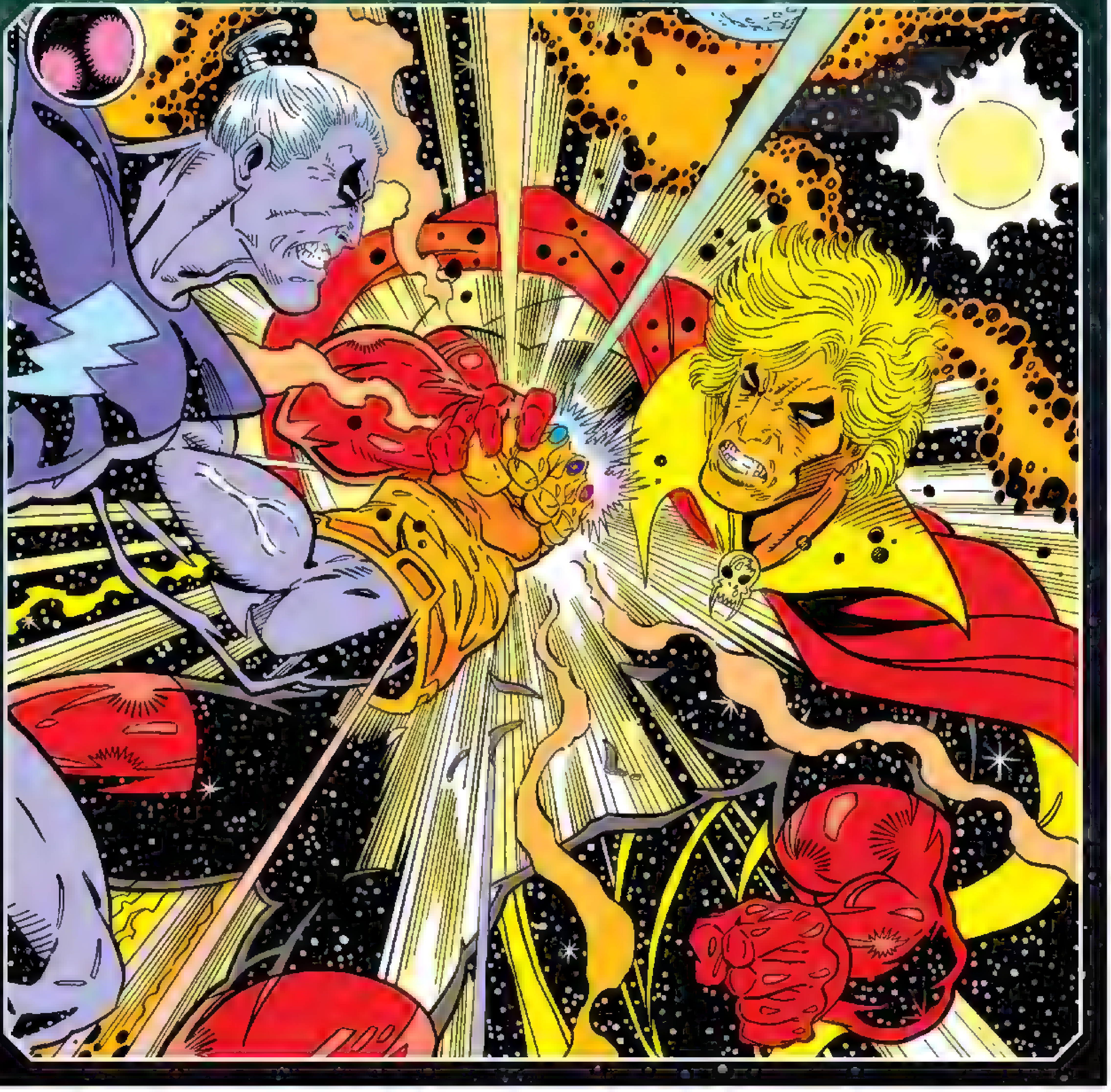


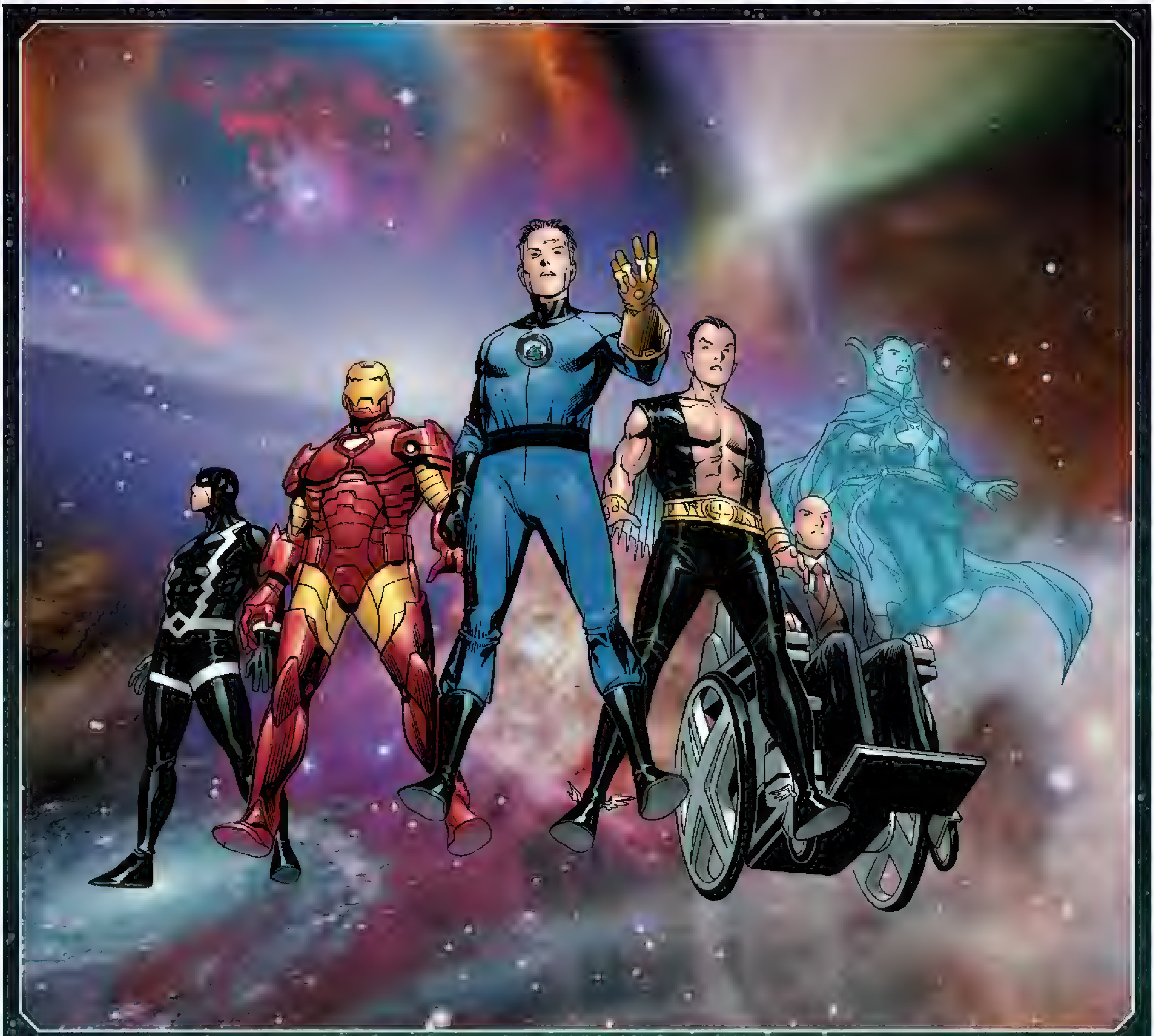


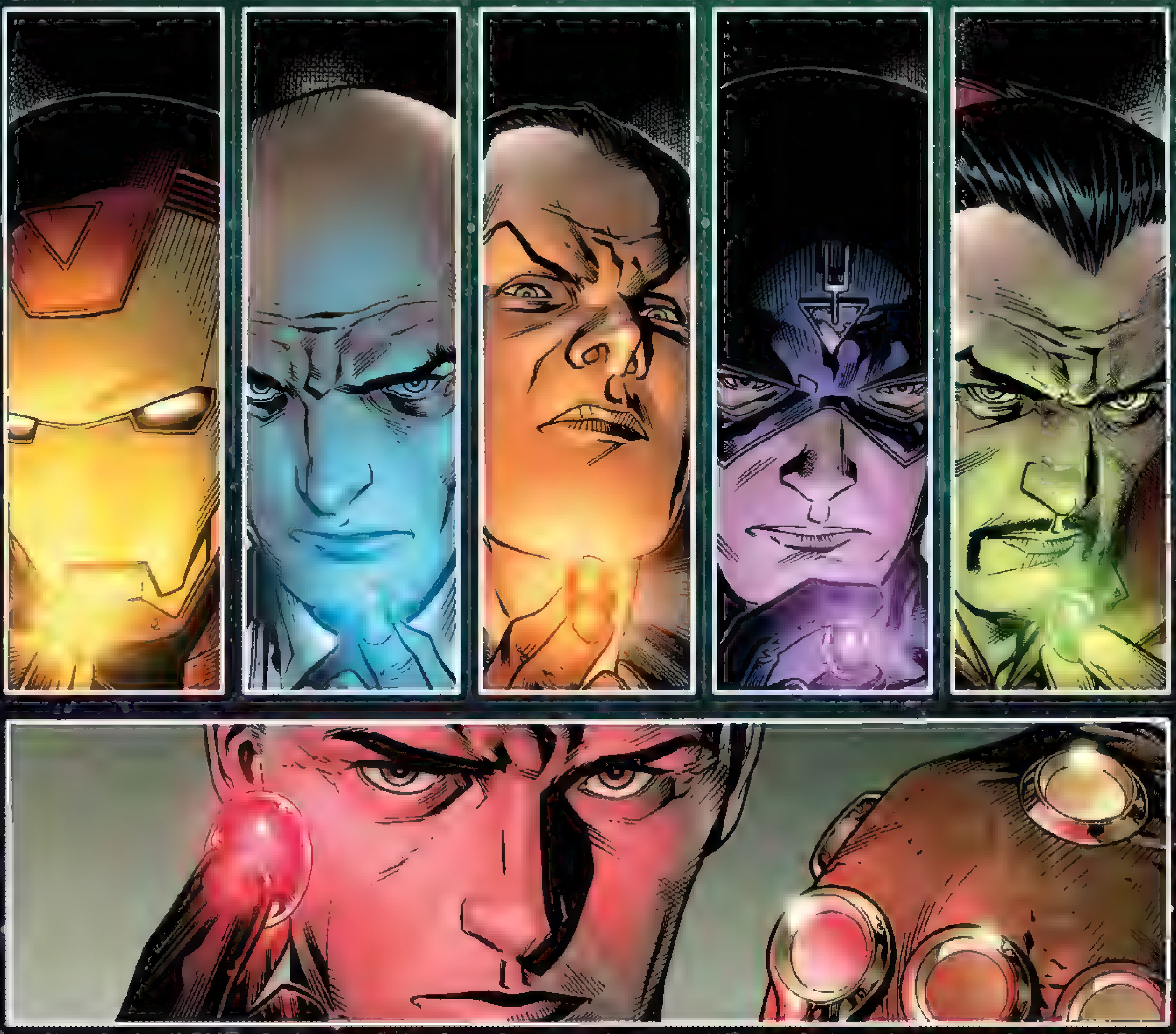


Even though Warlock subconsciously purged himself of any aspects of good and evil to be a more objective ruler of reality, the Living Tribunal—the conceptual arbiter and judge of the universe—ruled Warlock unfit to be a supreme being. The Tribunal ordered the stones to be separated and rendered them nonfunctional as a collective. Warlock gathered close allies into the Infinity Watch, entrusting each member with a stone for safekeeping.

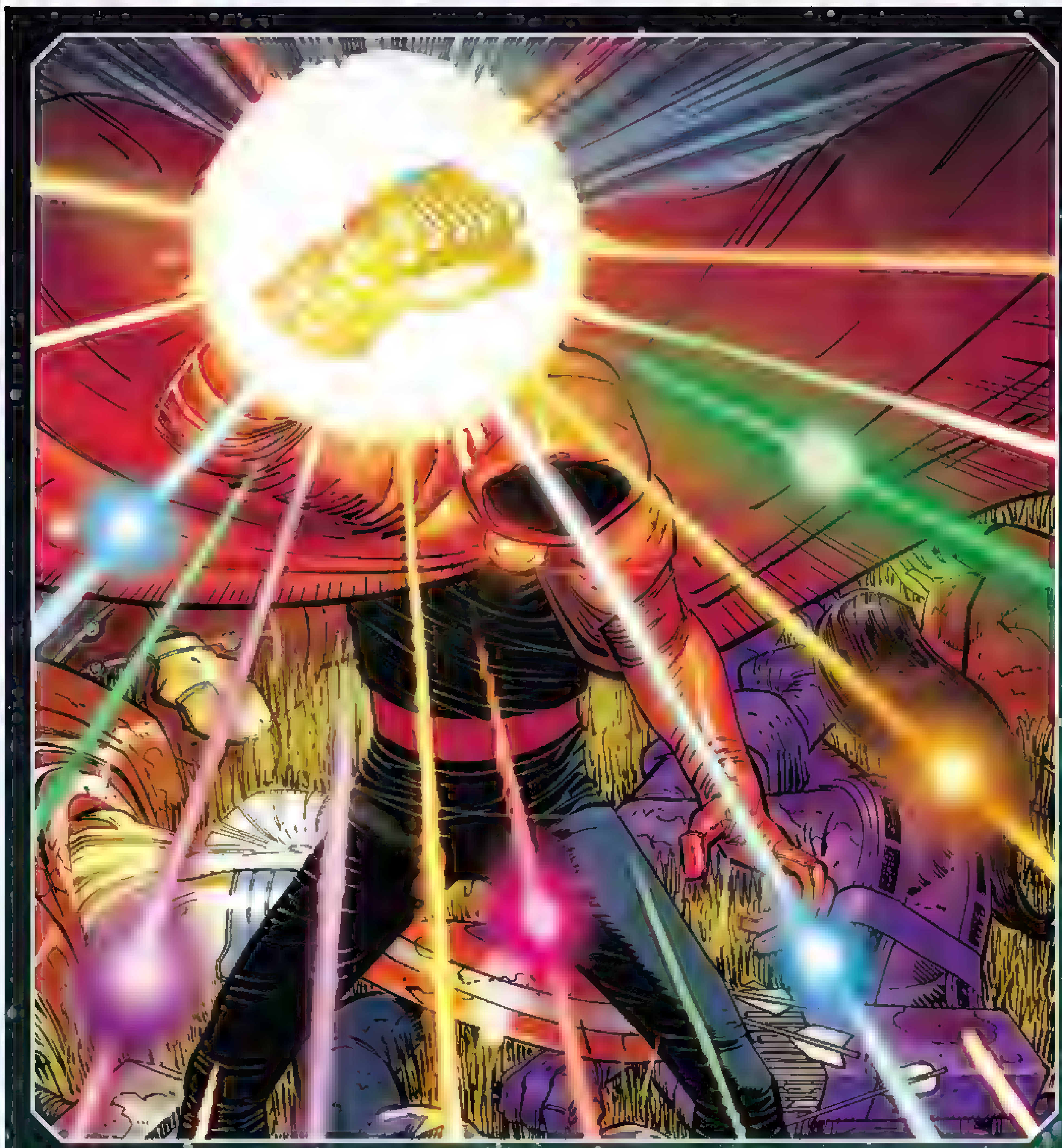
When Warlock's evil aspect materialized as the Magus, the malevolent being empowered himself with reality-altering Cosmic Containment Units and sought the Infinity Stones as a path toward universal domination. Warlock enabled the Magus' eventual defeat by substituting the Reality Stone with a non-functional duplicate.





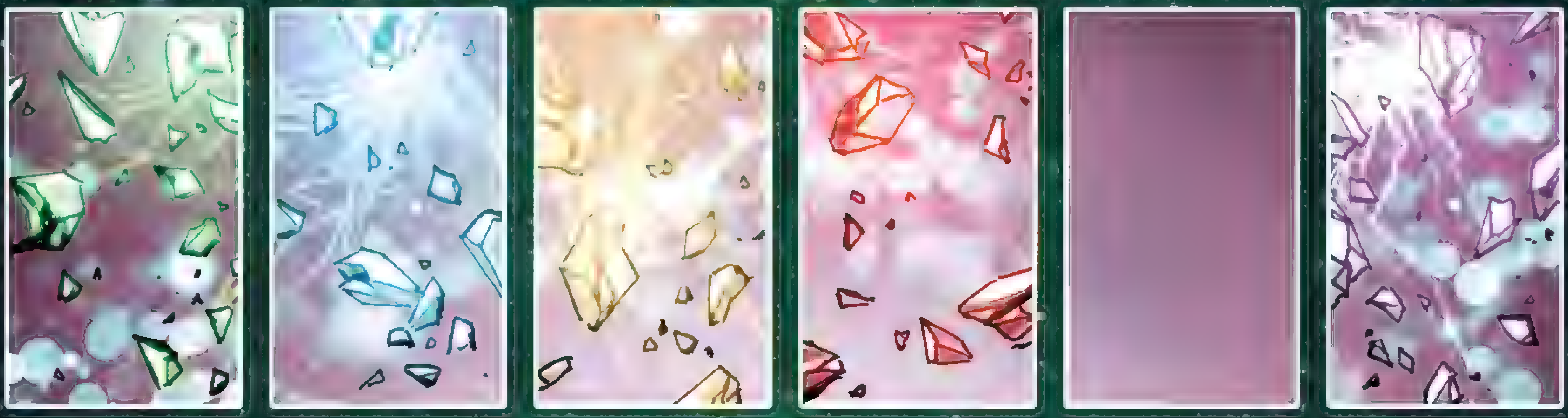


After the Infinity Watch lost possession of the stones, they were scattered throughout reality. A secret cabal of benevolent super-beings on Earth called the Illuminati—which included Mister Fantastic (Reed Richards), Iron Man (Tony Stark), Black Bolt (Blackagar Boltagon), Doctor Stephen Strange, Professor X (Charles Xavier) and Namor the Sub-Mariner—located each stone and hid them for the safety of the universe. By this time, the Living Tribunal's ruling had somehow been lifted, and the stones functioned in unison once more.

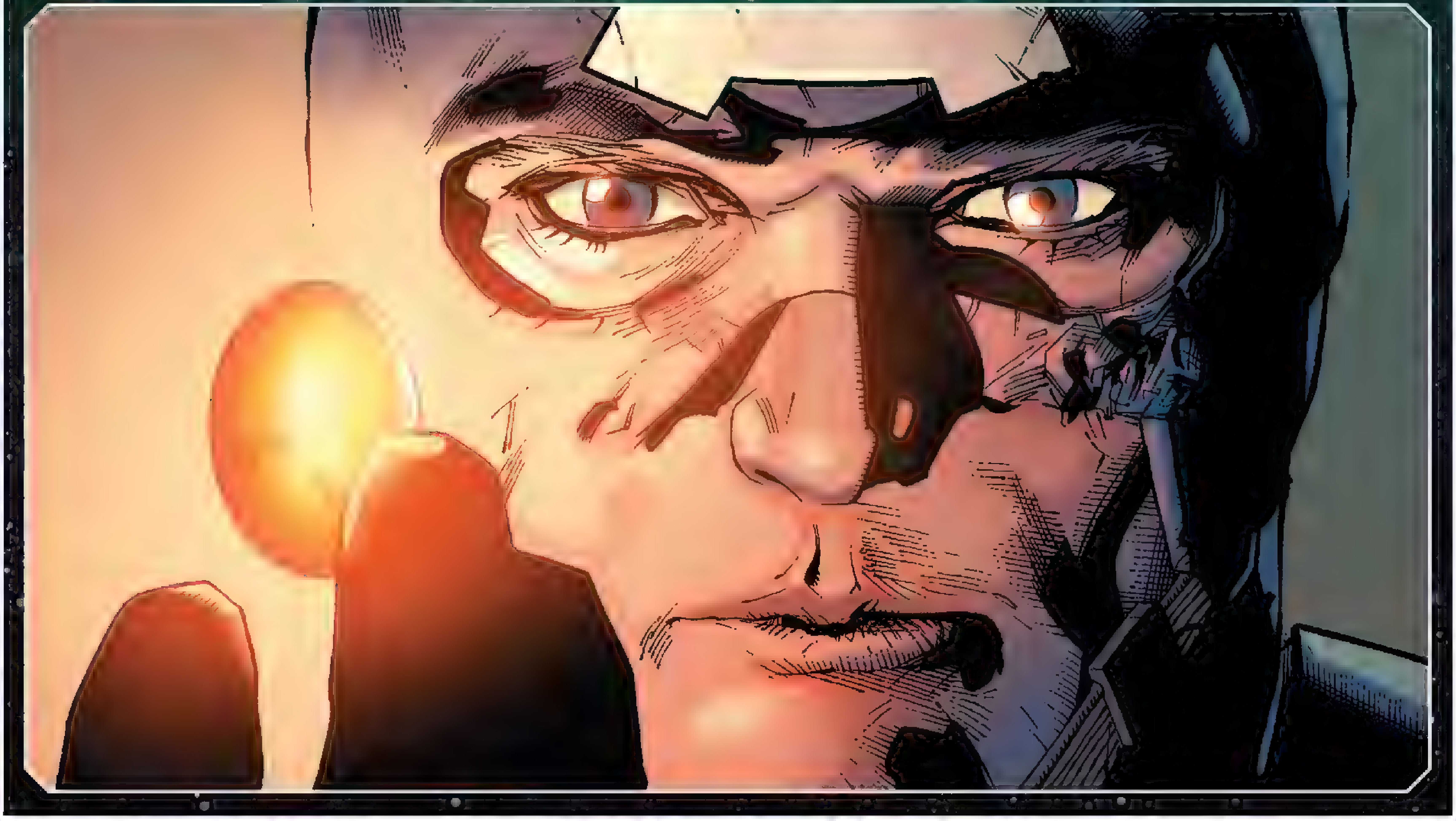


When criminal mastermind the Hood (Parker Robbins) learned of the Infinity Stones and successfully located a number of them, the Illuminati was forced to reveal its existence to the Avengers, who assembled to reclaim the stones from the Hood. After faking the Infinity Gauntlet's destruction and the Illuminati's dissolution, Iron Man distributed the stones among the clandestine cabal—now including Captain America (Steve Rogers)—for safekeeping once more.

Later, Earths from multiple realities began colliding due to a multiversal collapse. To save their Earth from destruction, the Illuminati assembled the Infinity Gauntlet and used it to stop an impending incursion. However, doing so caused five of the stones to shatter, while the Time Stone disappeared.

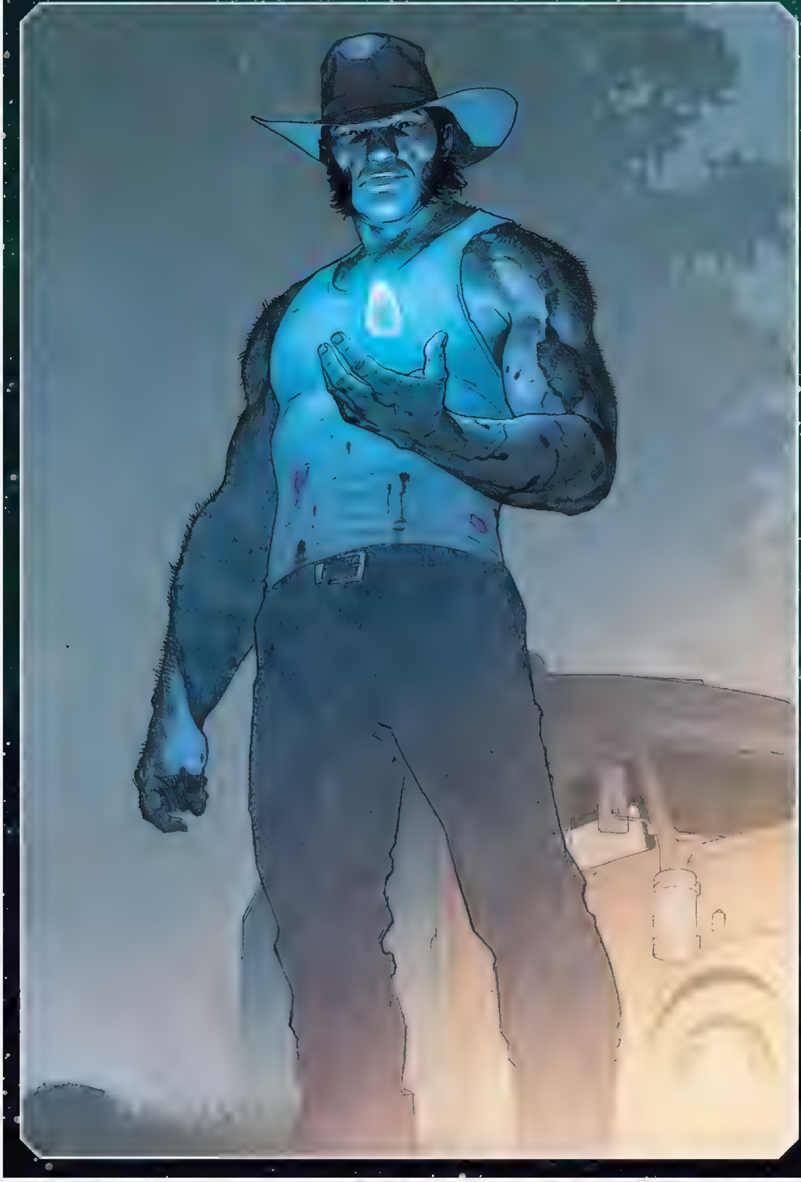


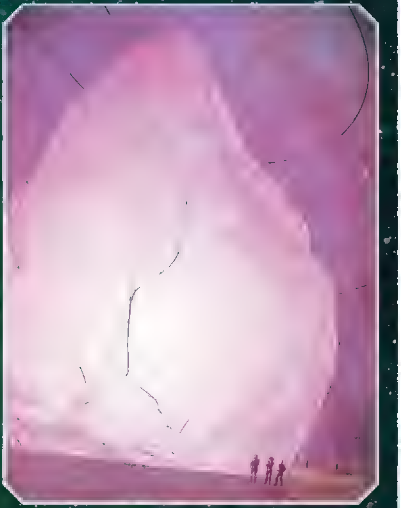
Later still, the Time Stone reappeared and transported a small group of Avengers to multiple points in the future before gradually returning them to the present. After Captain America confronted the time-traveling Kang and his various temporal counterparts, the Time Stone was apparently destroyed when it returned Cap to the present.



After the multiversal collapse caused the ninth iteration of reality, the Infinity Stones were also somehow re-formed. When Thanos' foster daughter, Gamora, learned that a portion of her soul remained trapped in the Soul Stone from the time she spent within the Soulworld dimension years before, she began searching for the stones; realizing the importance of the mission to Gamora, Star-Lord (Peter Quill) and her Guardians of the Galaxy teammates joined her in the quest.

While mutant hero Wolverine (Logan/ James Howlett) took the Space Stone into his protection on Earth, the now-massively sized Power Stone was located on the planet Xitaung, which led forces from the evil Chitauri and mysterious Fraternity of the Raptors to seek it; they have been opposed by the Nova Corps peacekeeping organization and the Guardians of the Galaxy.





The Reality Stone has been revealed to be in the possession of the heroic Captain Marvel (Carol Danvers), Earth criminal Turk Barrett has the Mind Stone, the militant Super-Skrull (Kl'rt) has obtained the Time Stone and the murderous robot Ultron has claimed the Soul Stone.

After the Multiverse's reinstatement, five of the stones are somehow now in an uncut ingot form, and the colors of all six stones have switched; the cause of these changes has yet to be revealed.

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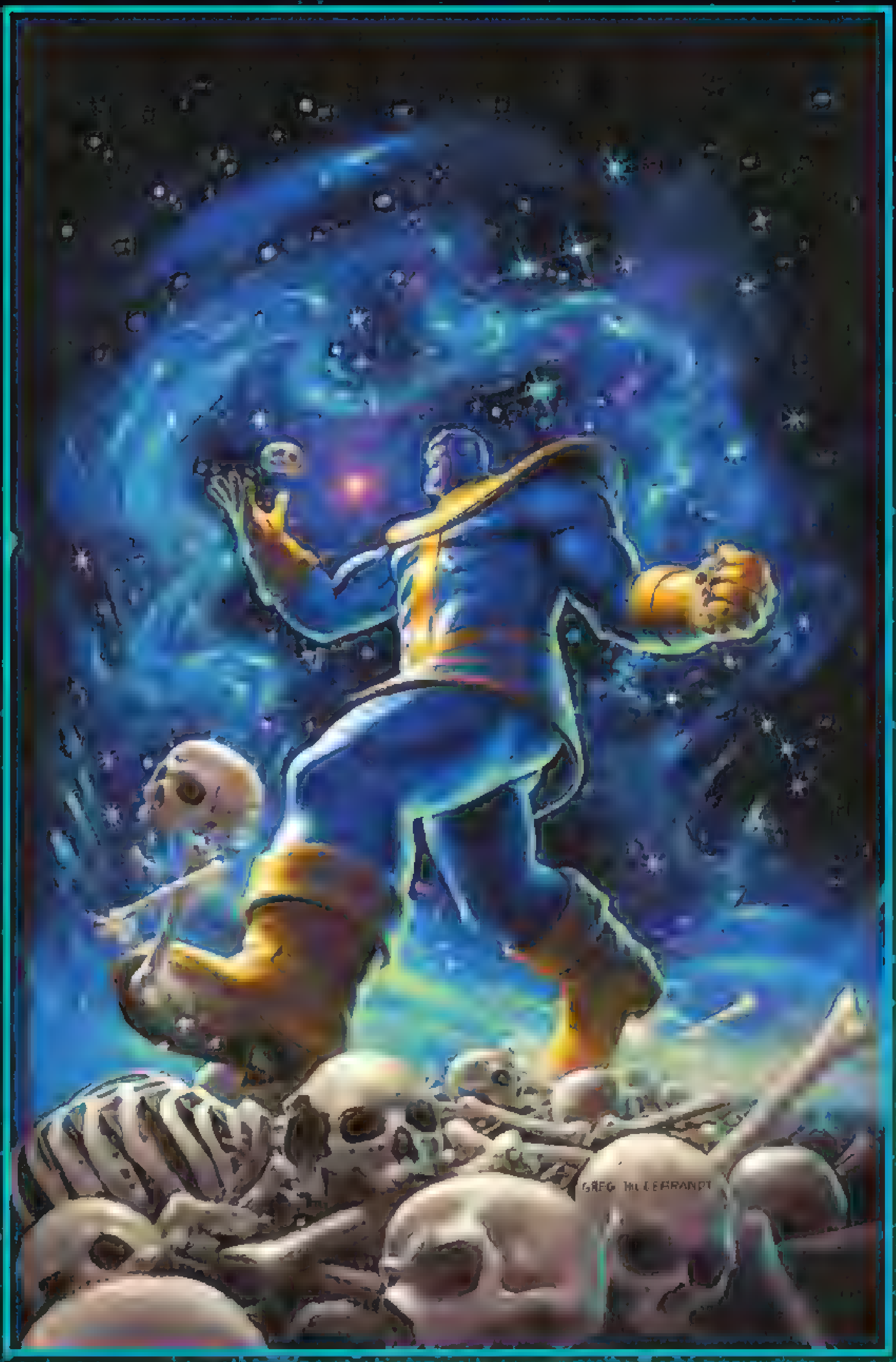

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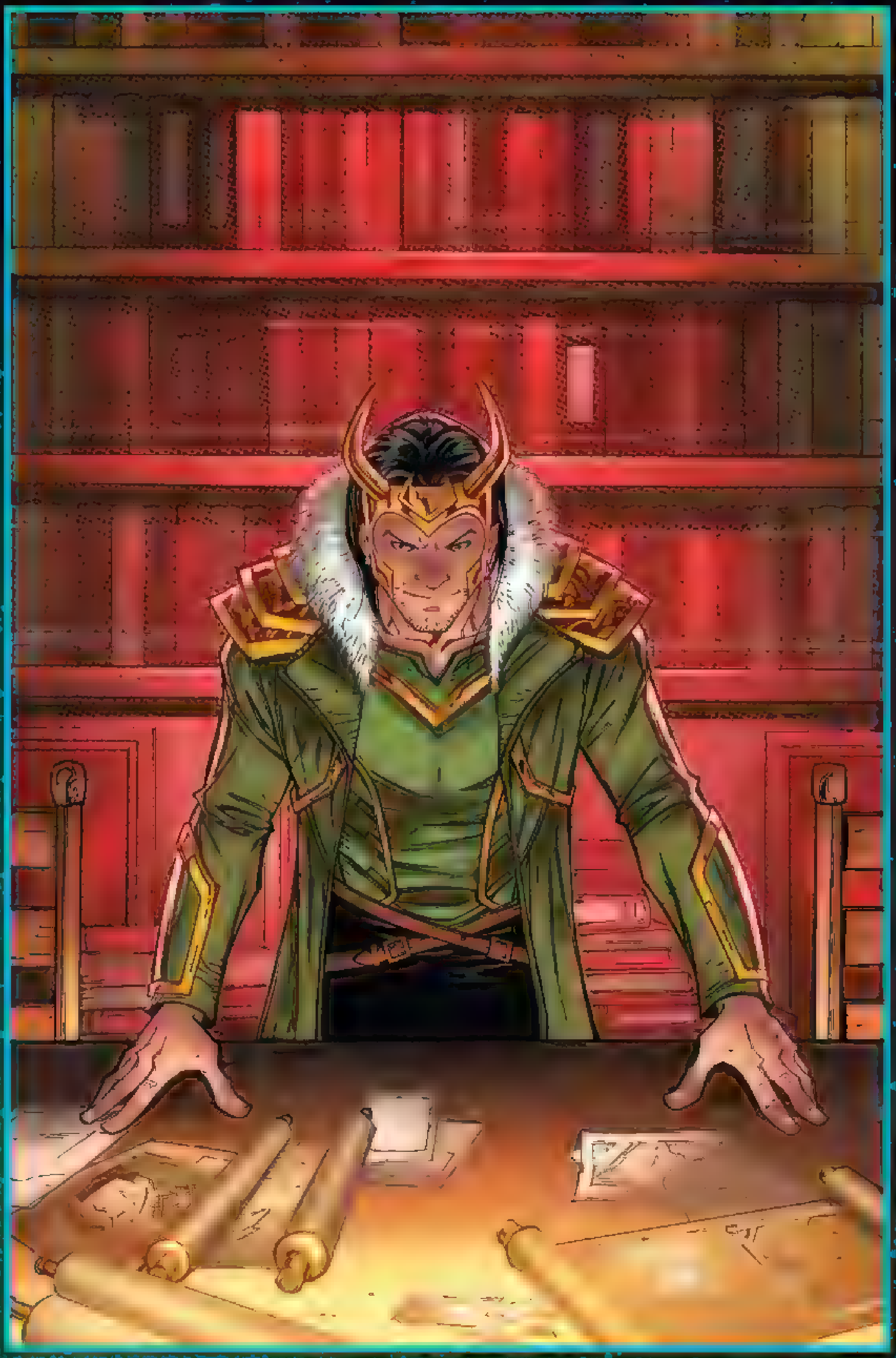

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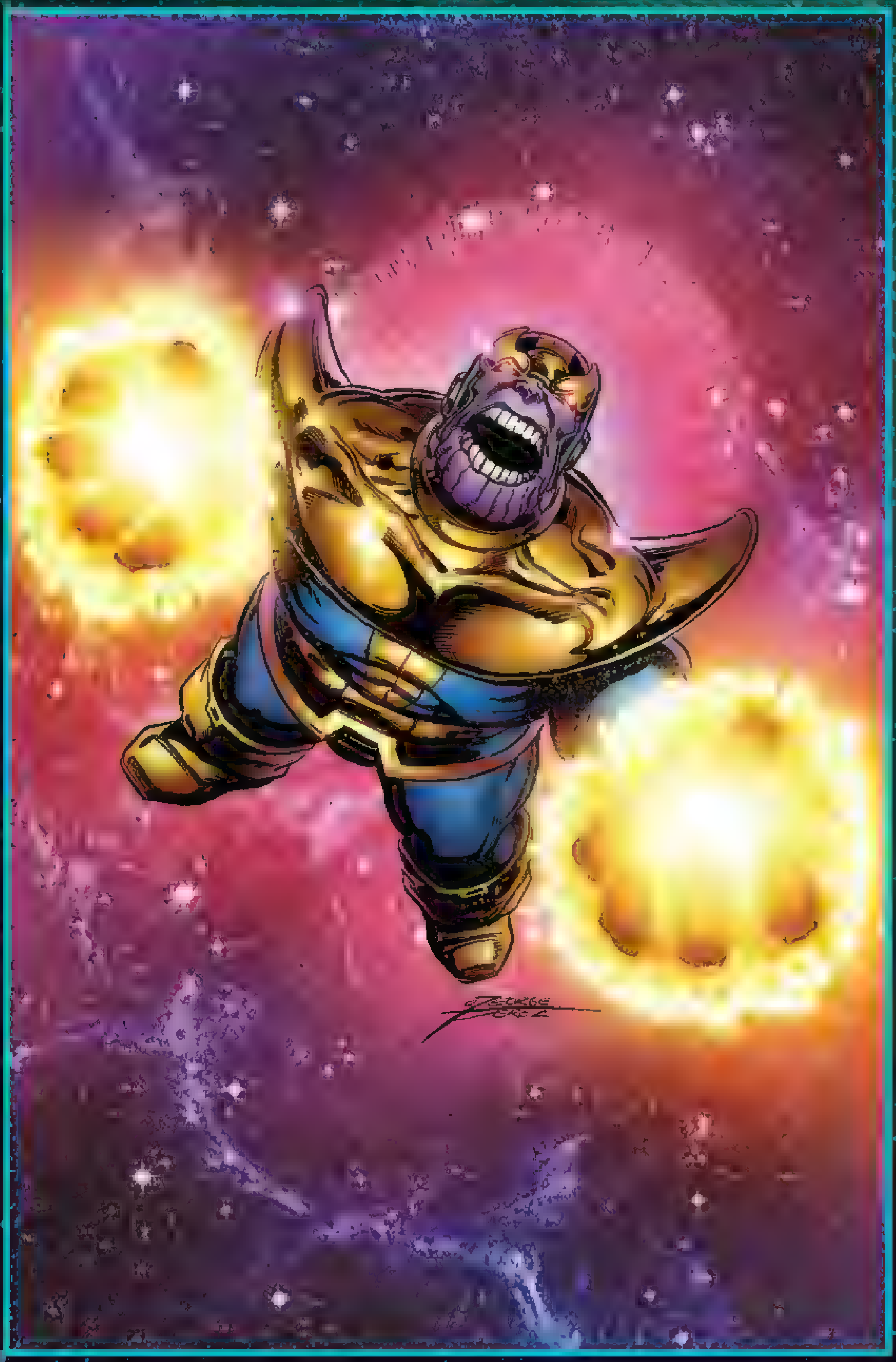

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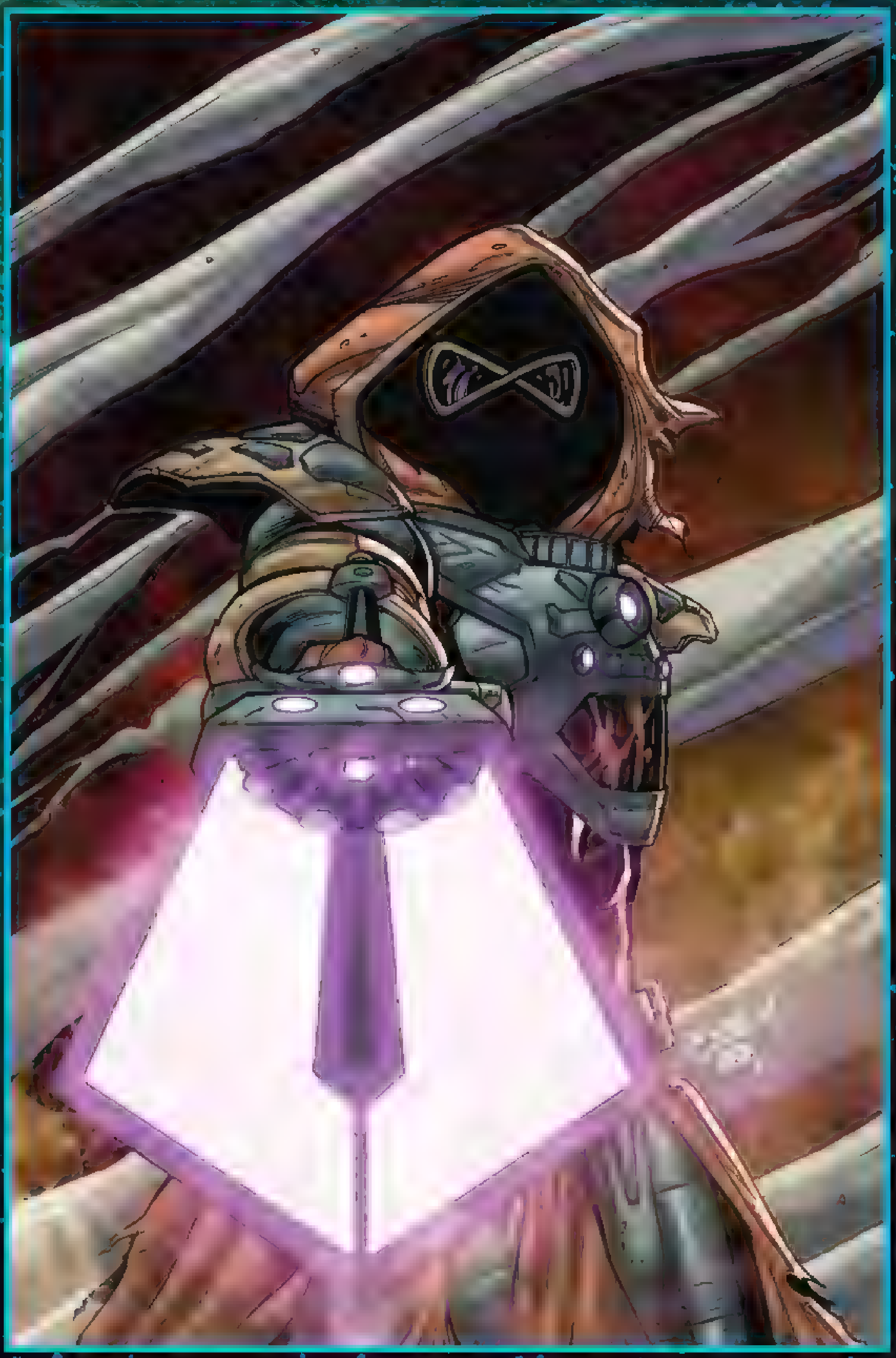

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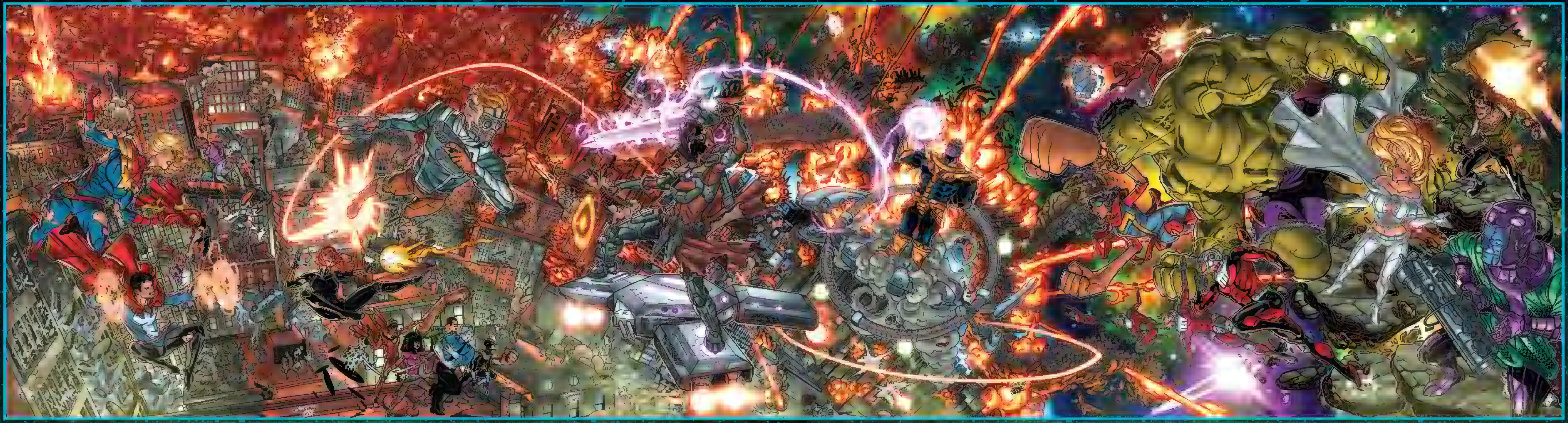

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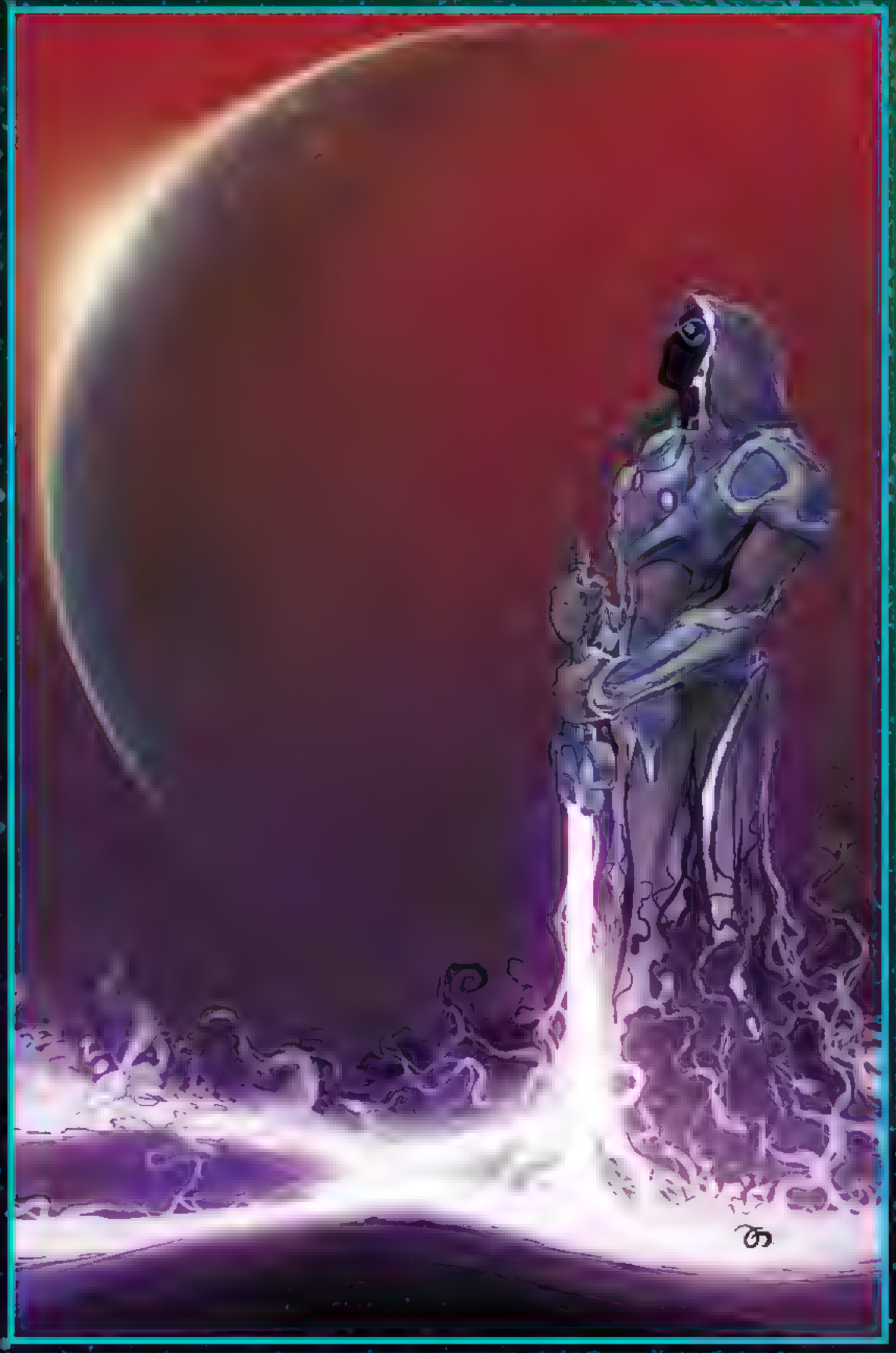

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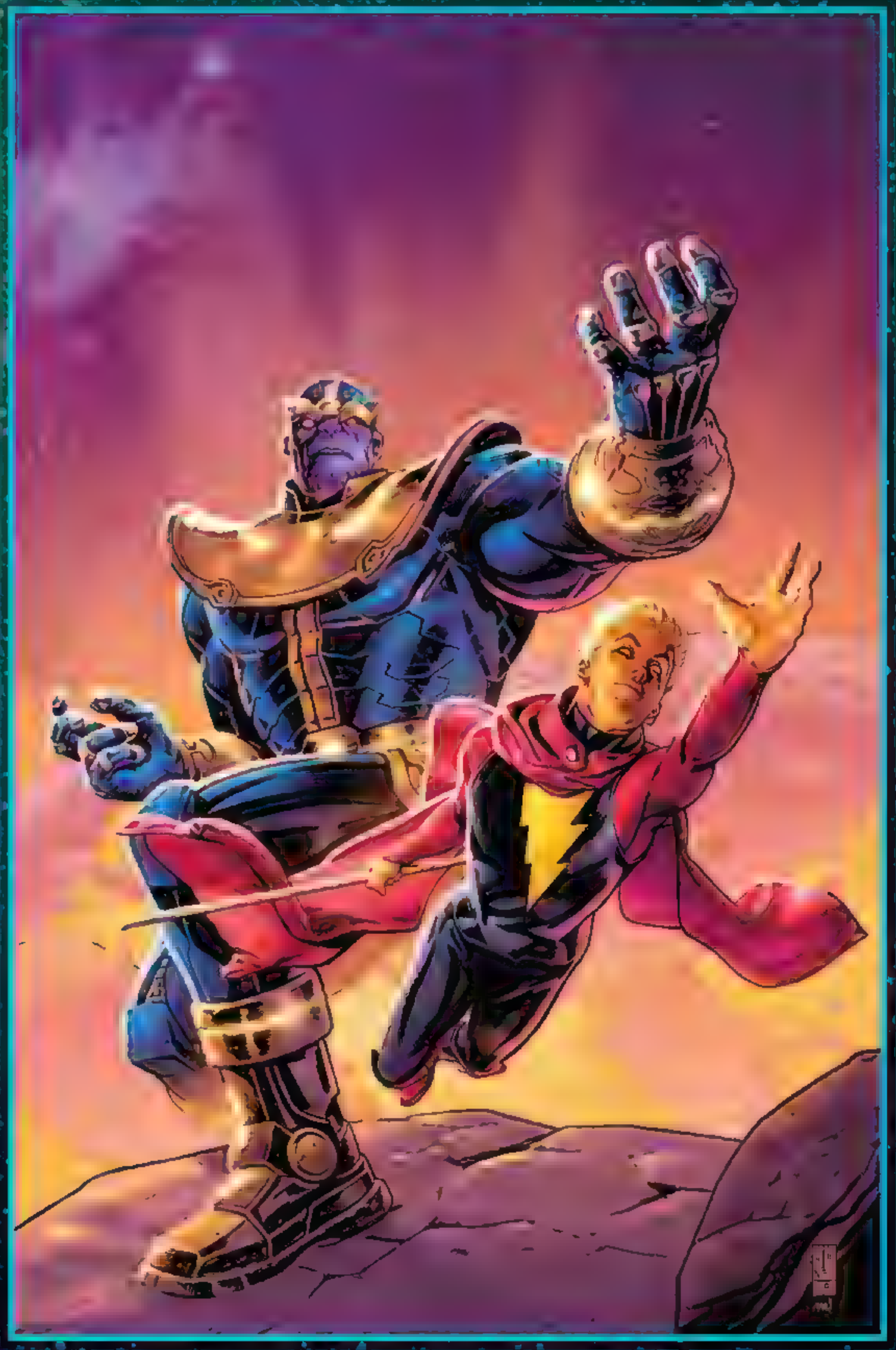

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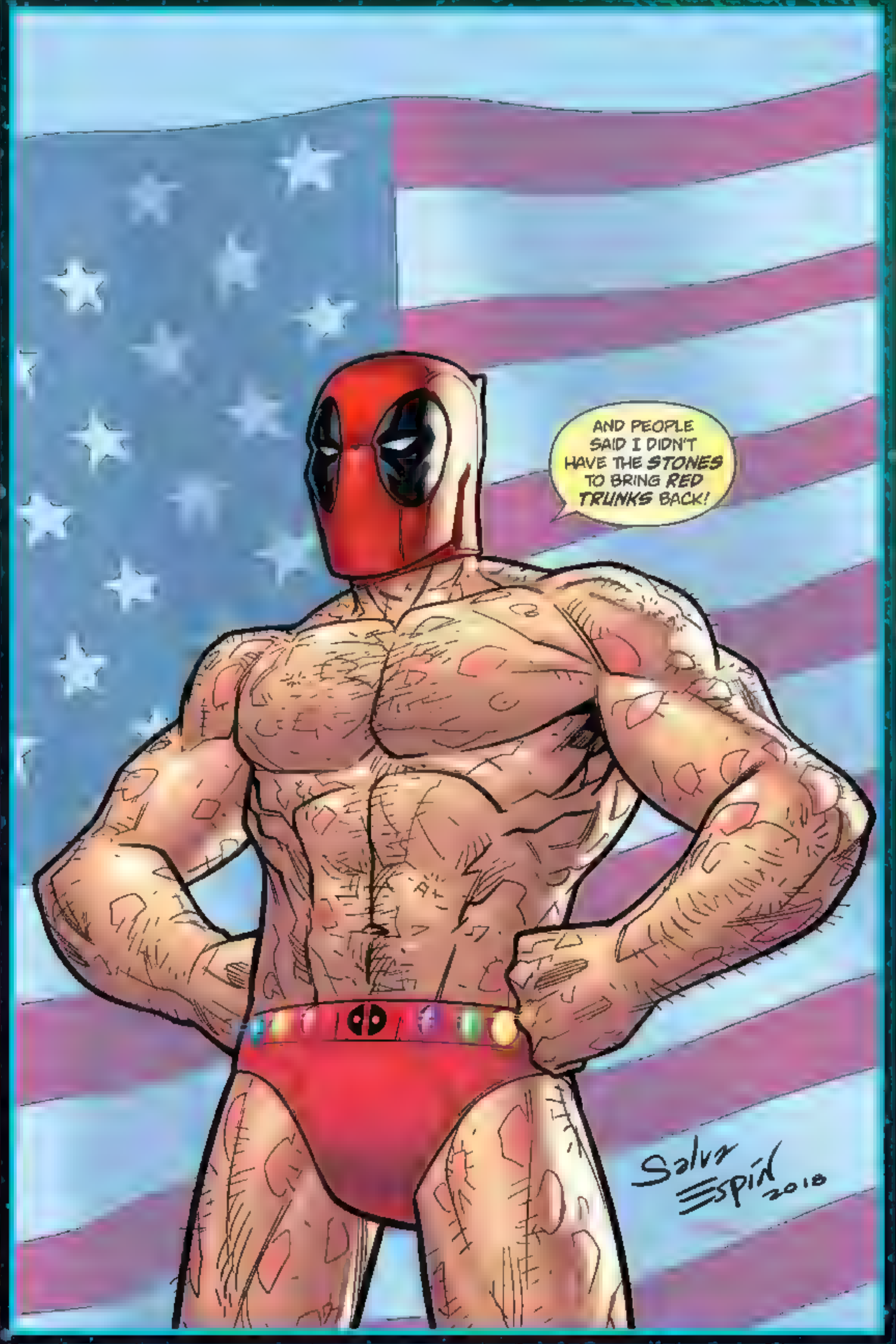
AND PEOPLE SAID I DIDN'T HAVE THE STONES TO BRING RED TRUNKS BACK!
Salva Espín 2018

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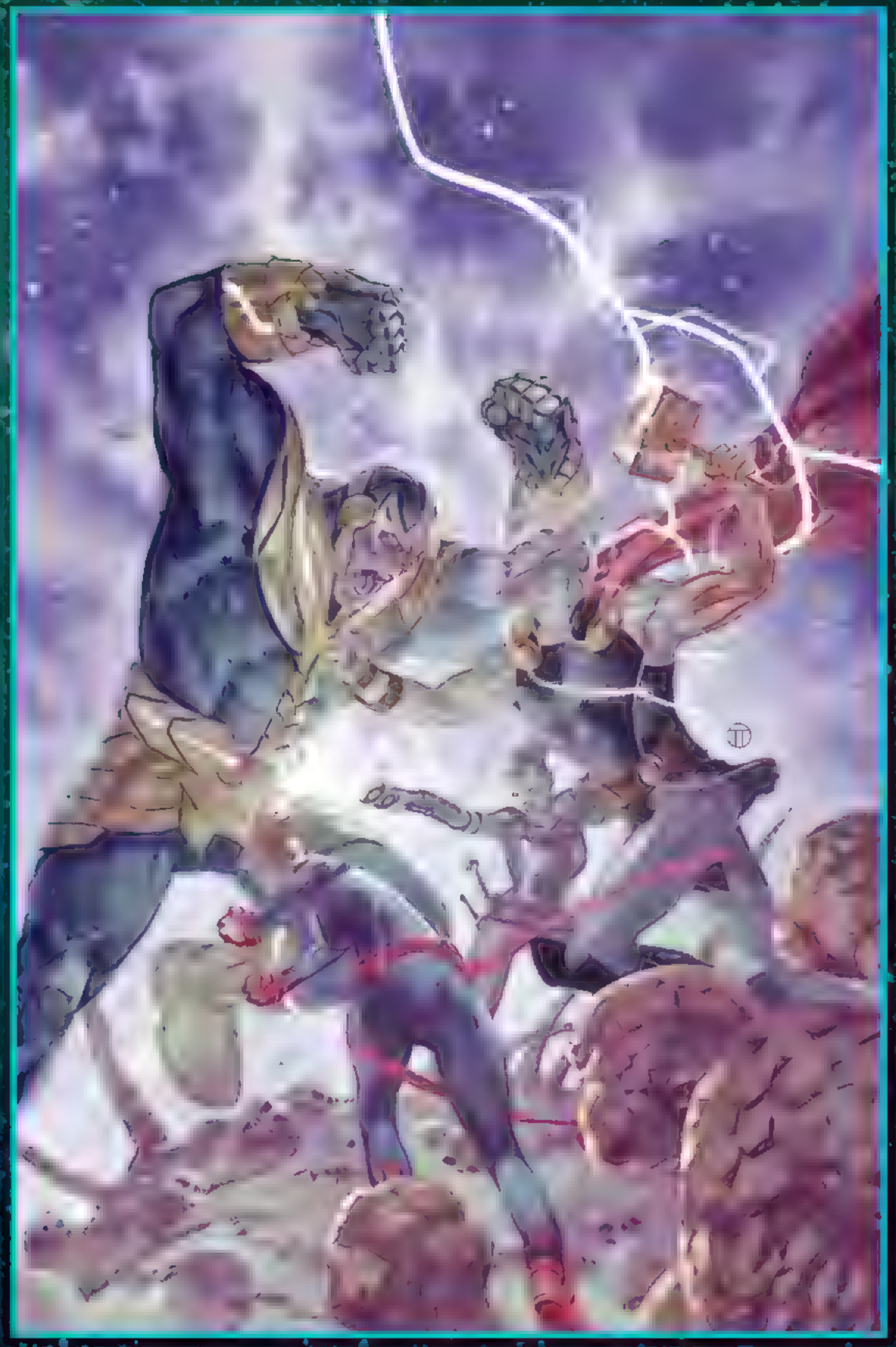

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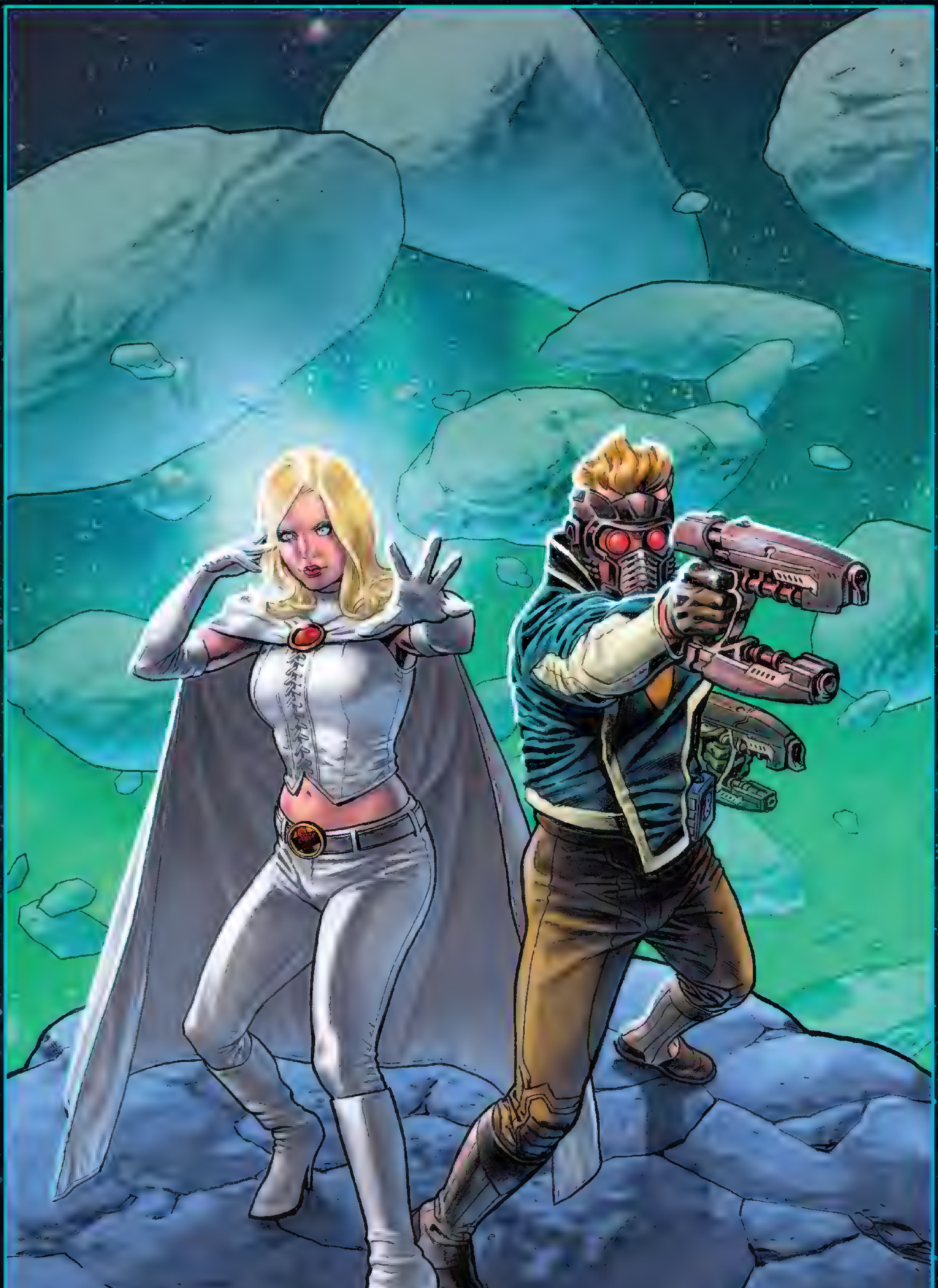

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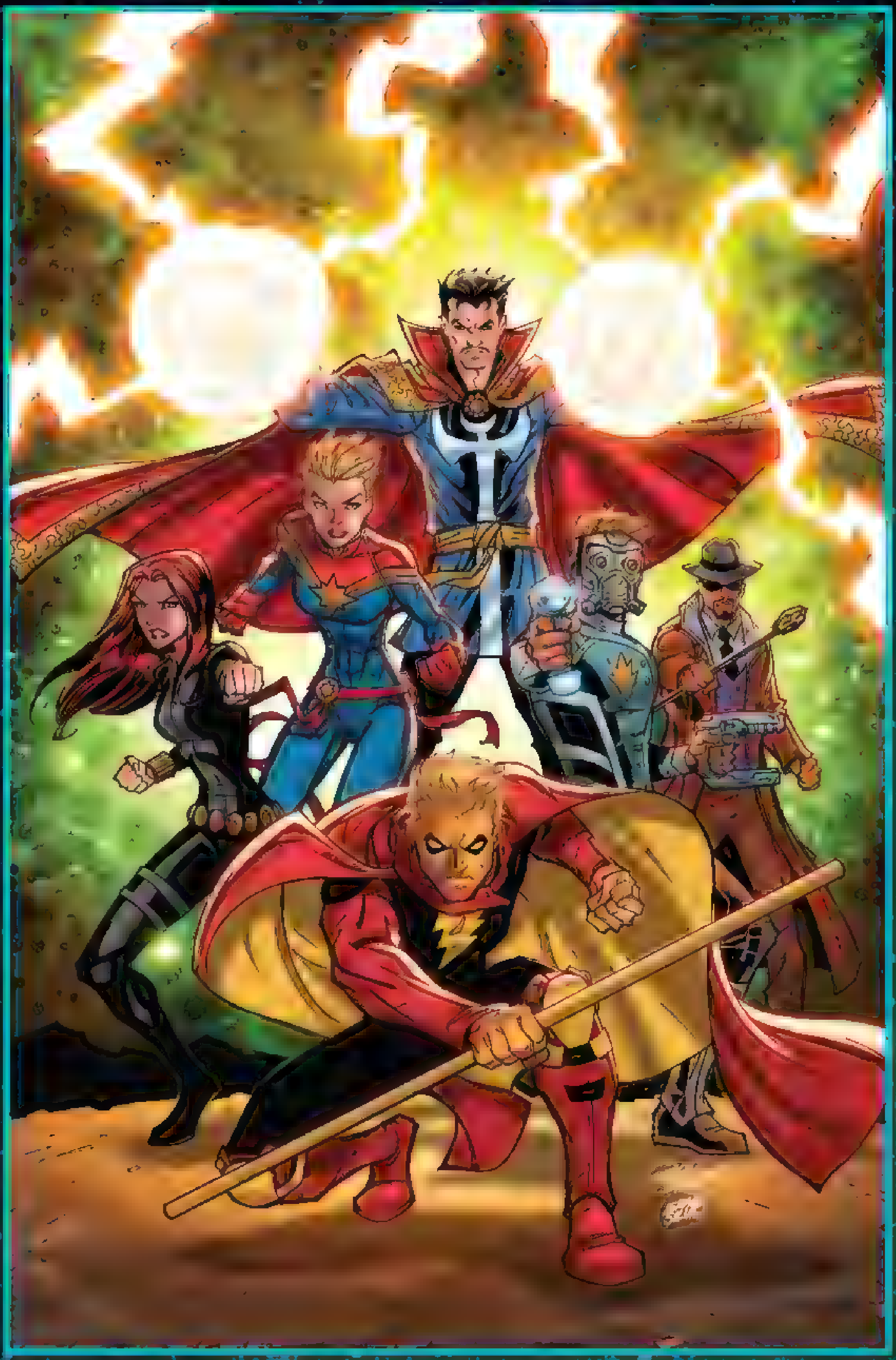

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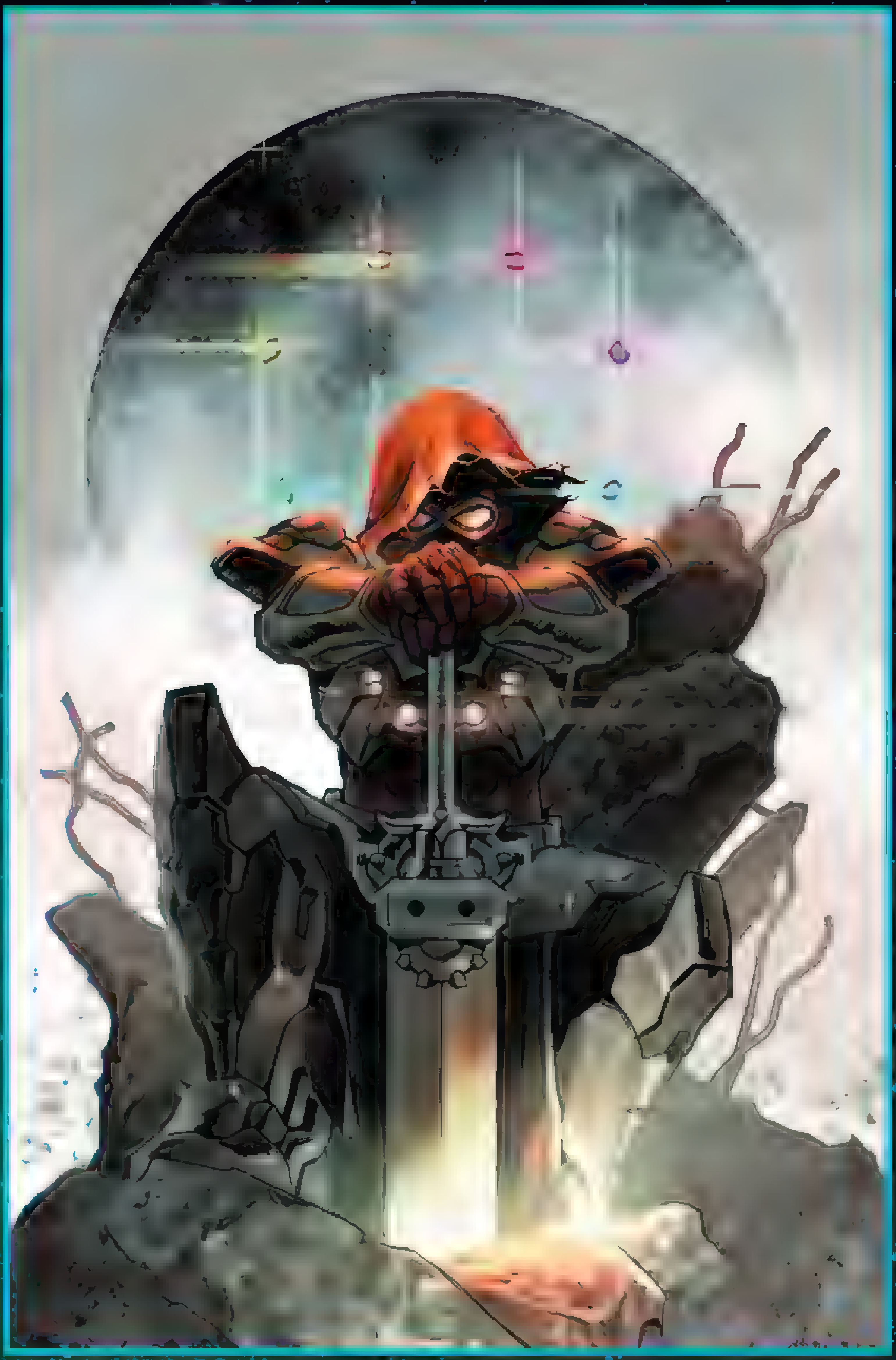

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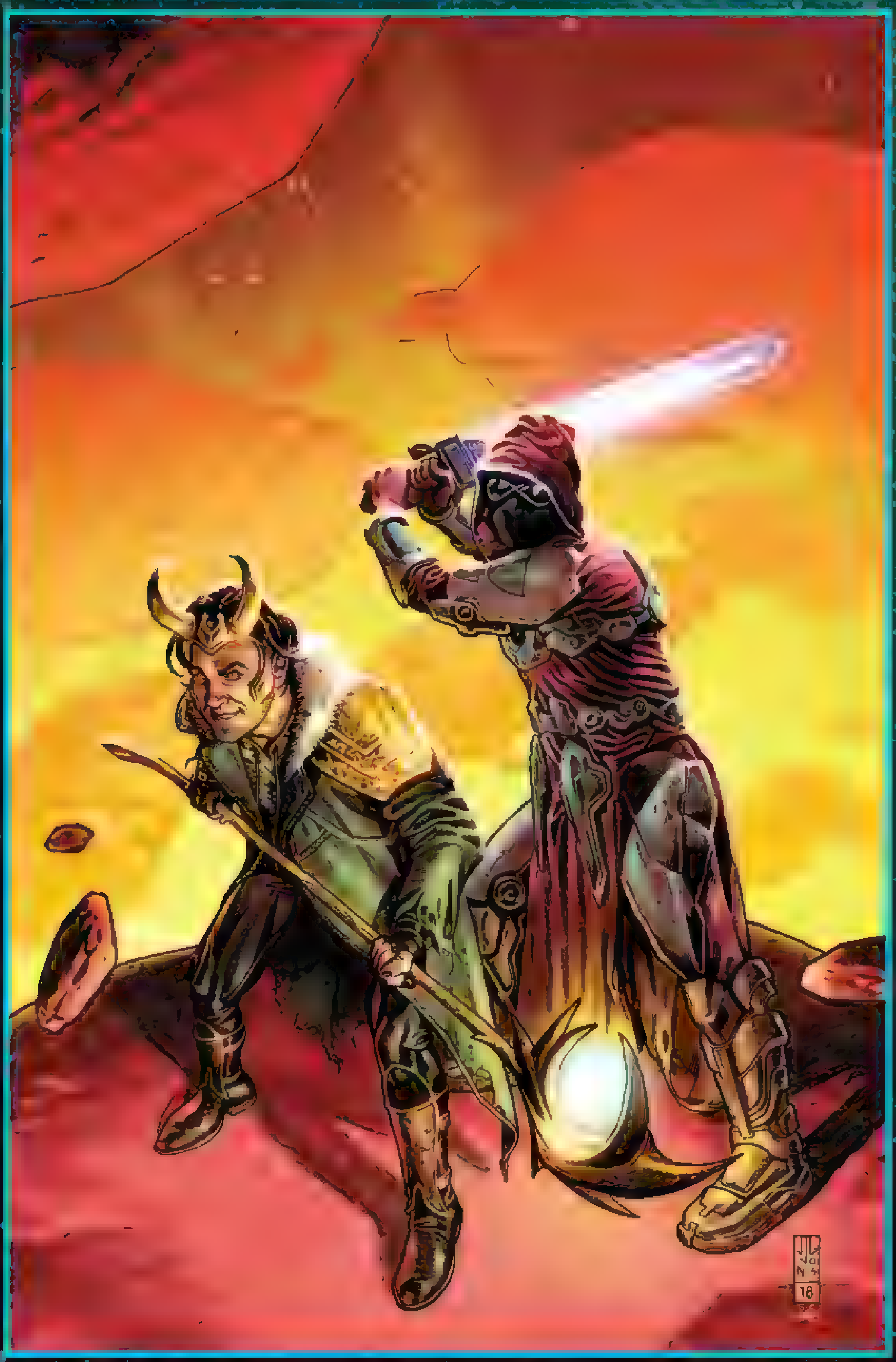

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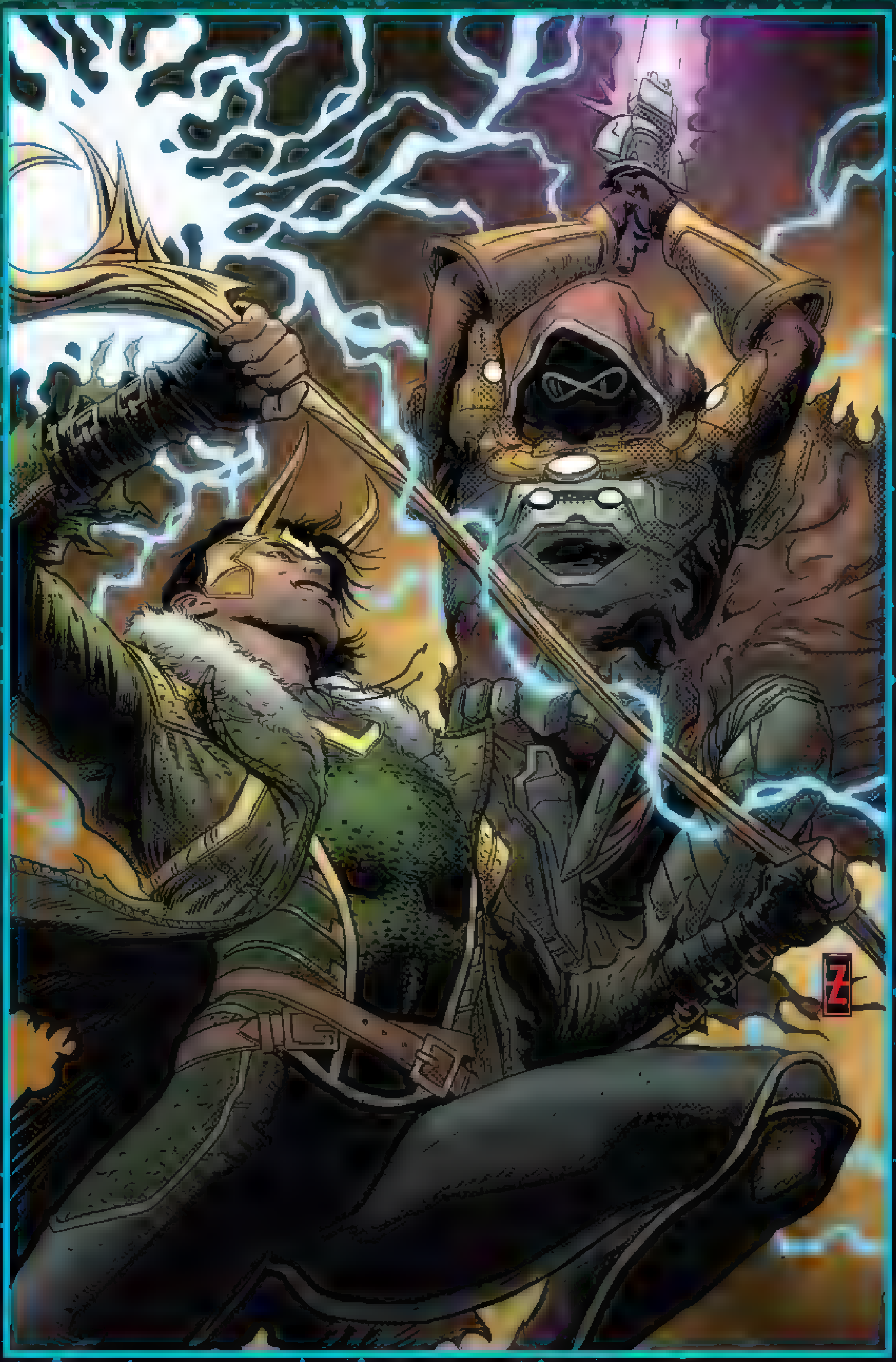

**PATCH ZIRCHER & MARTE GRACIA**

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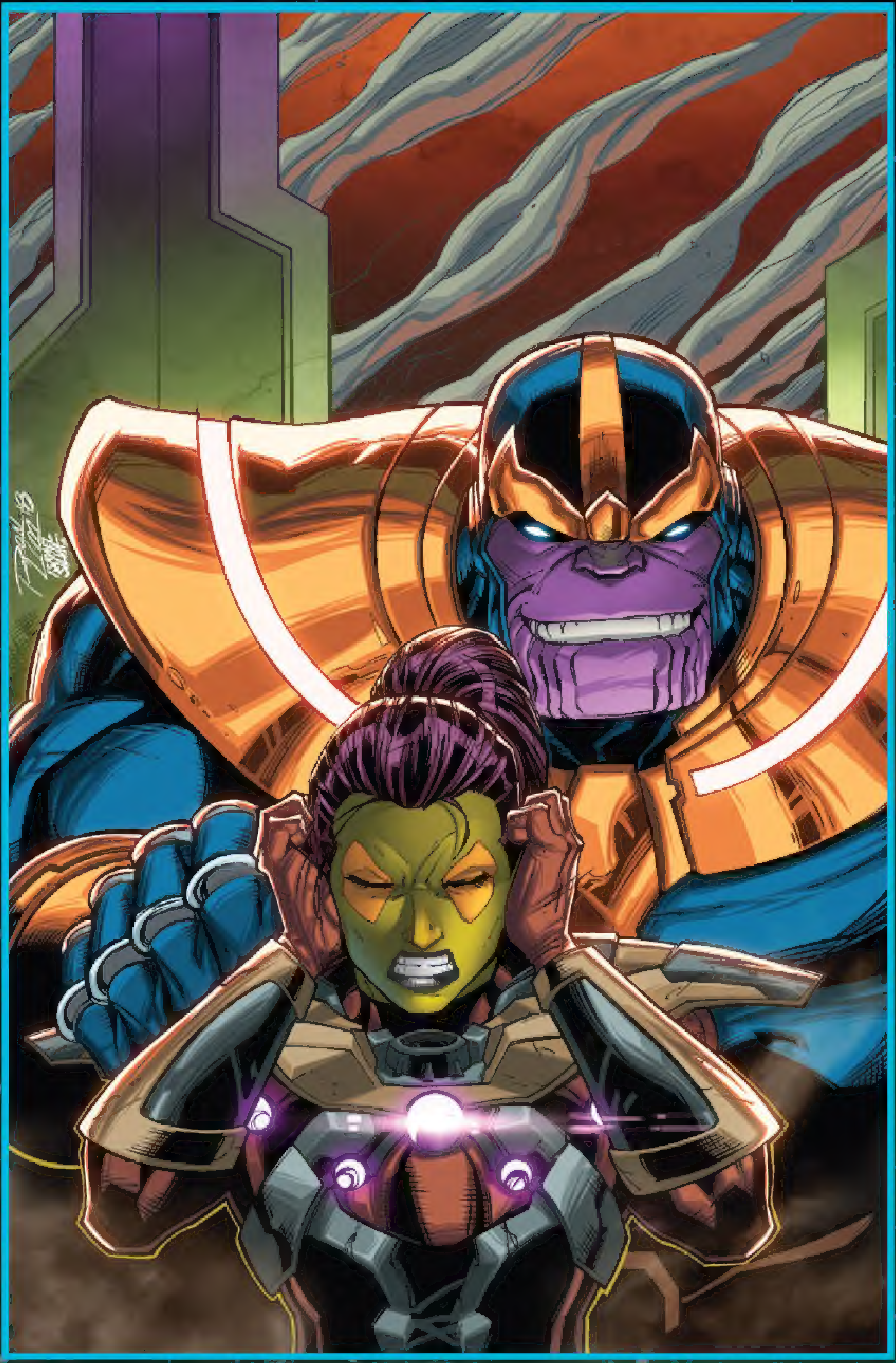

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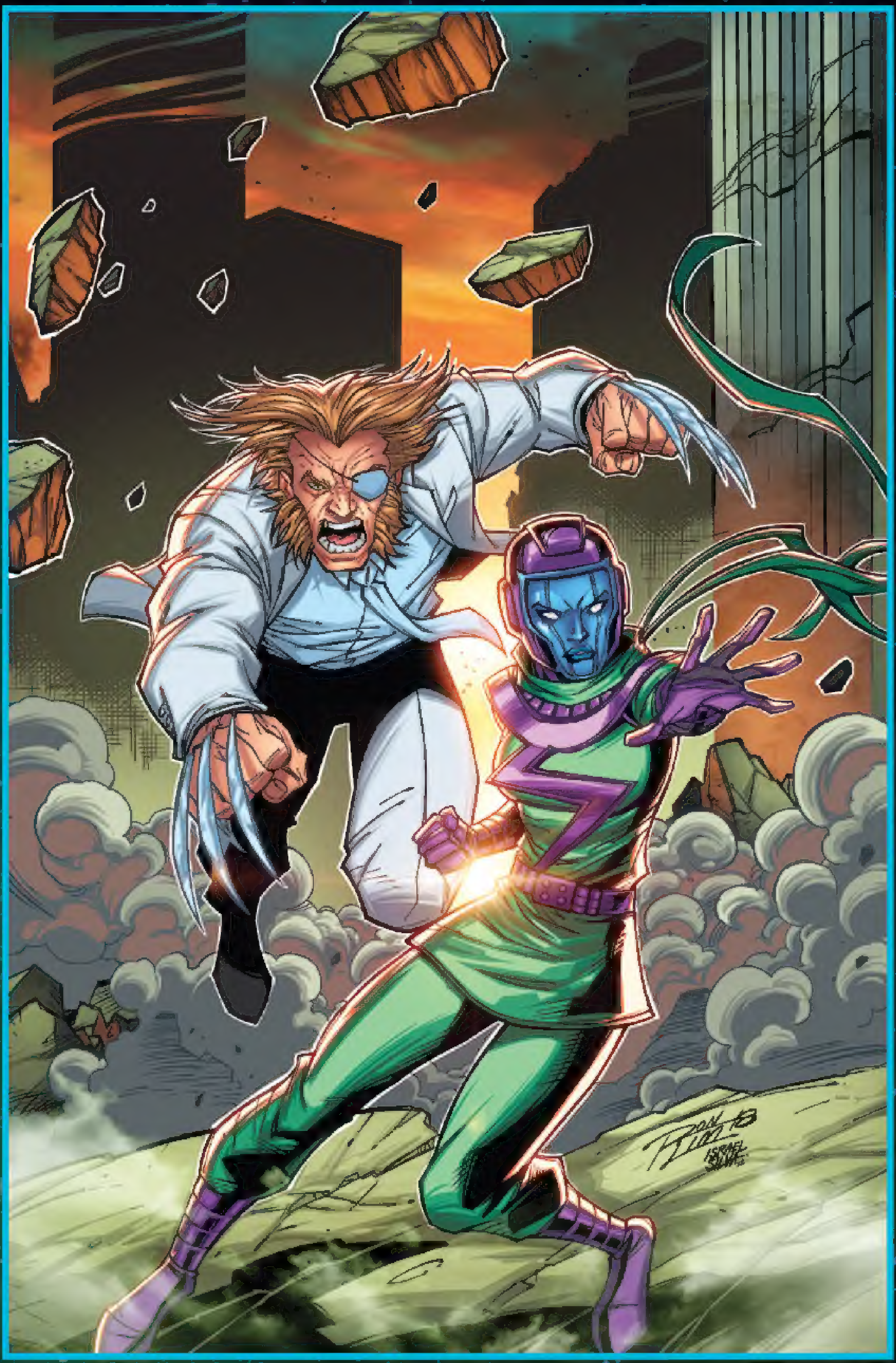

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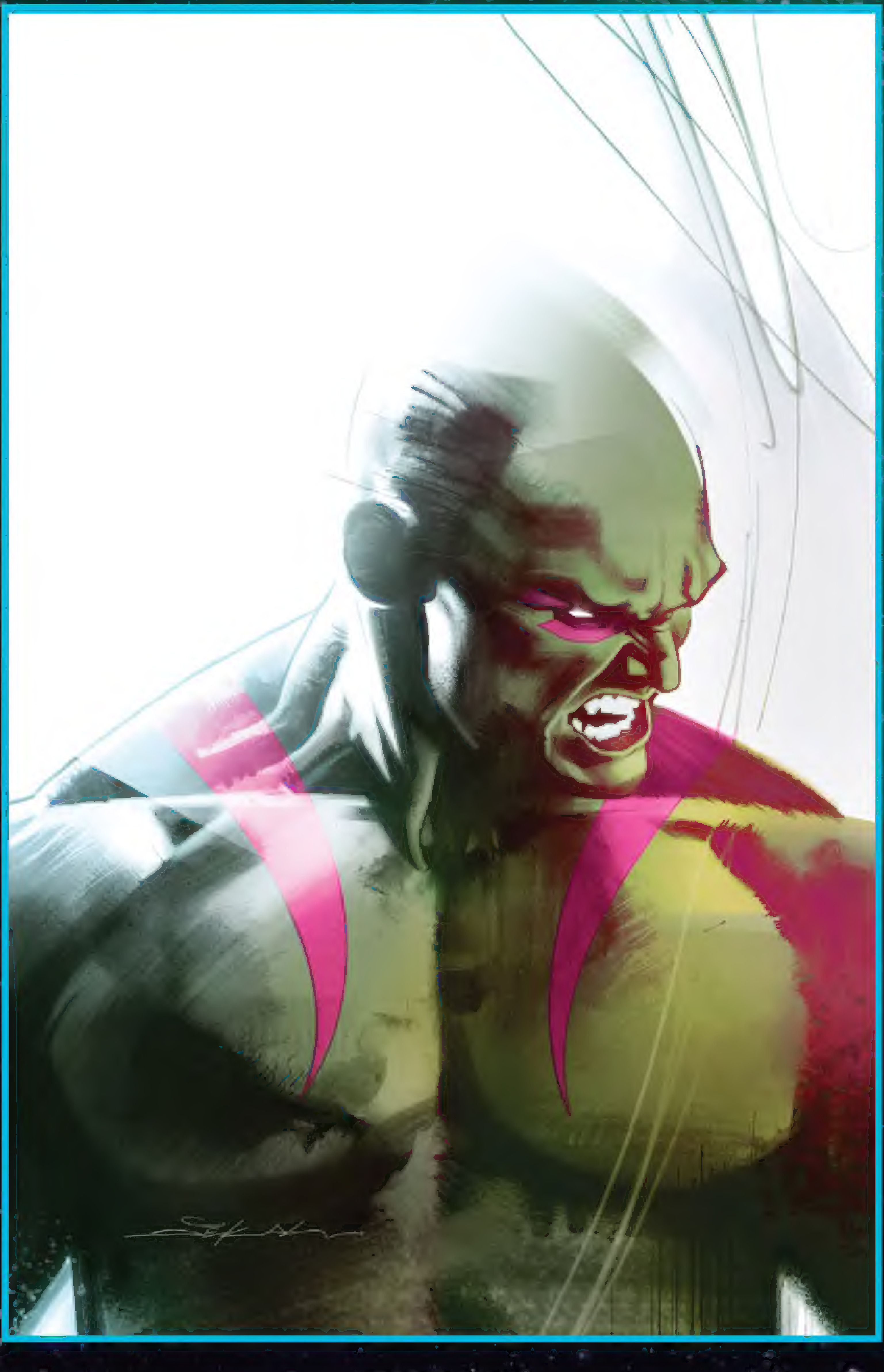

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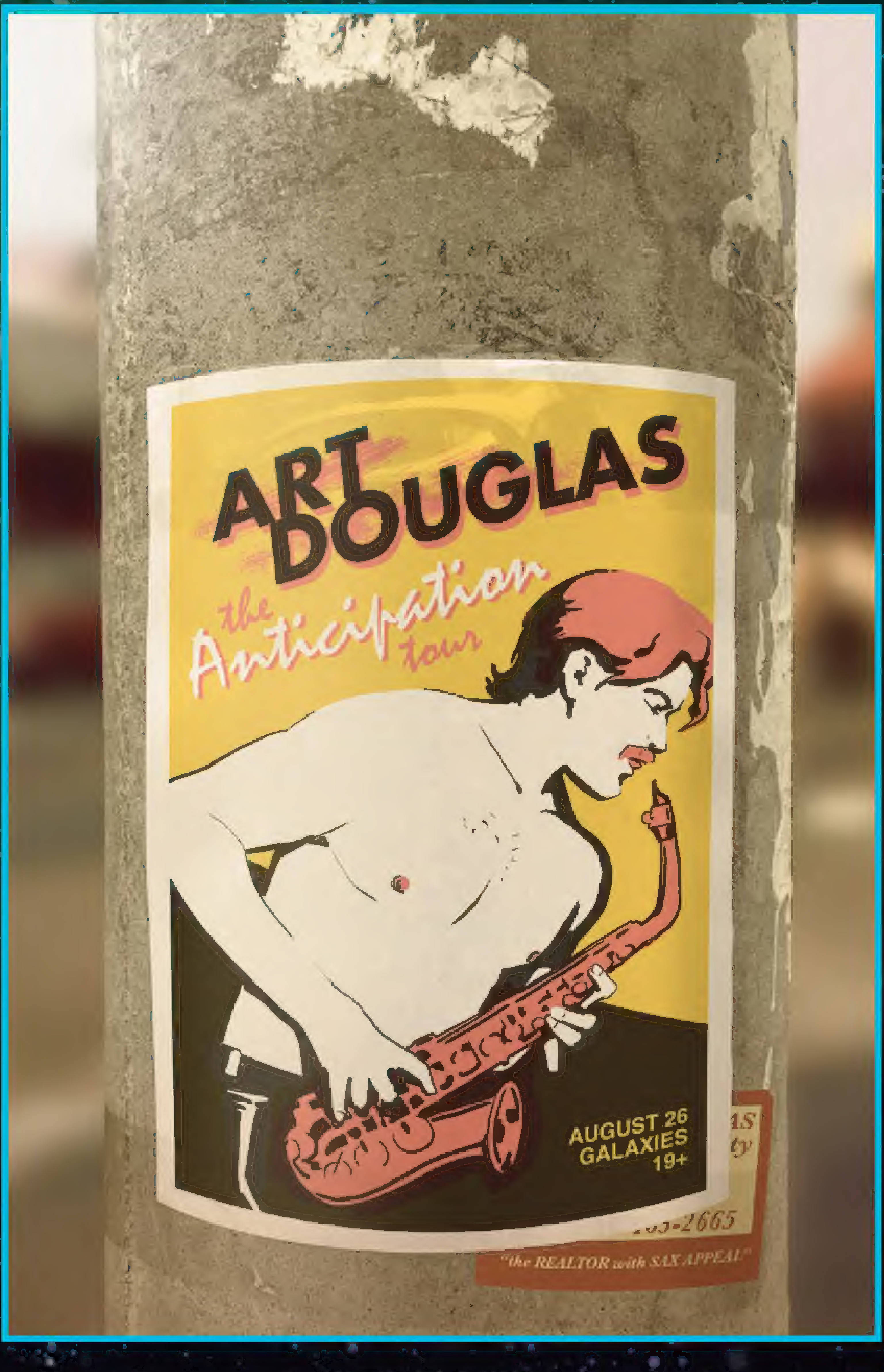
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**CHIP ZDARSKY**

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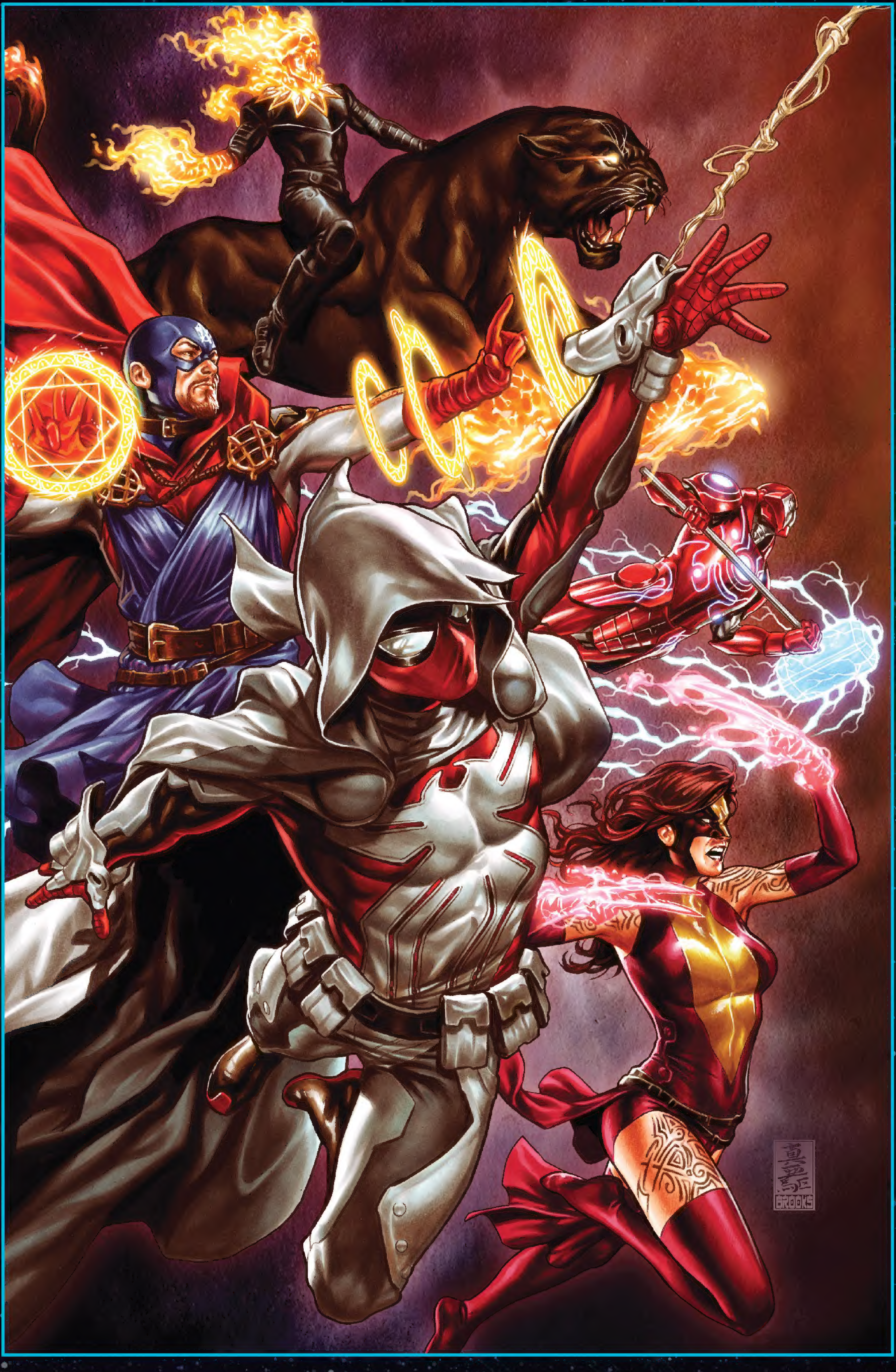

**MARK BROOKS**

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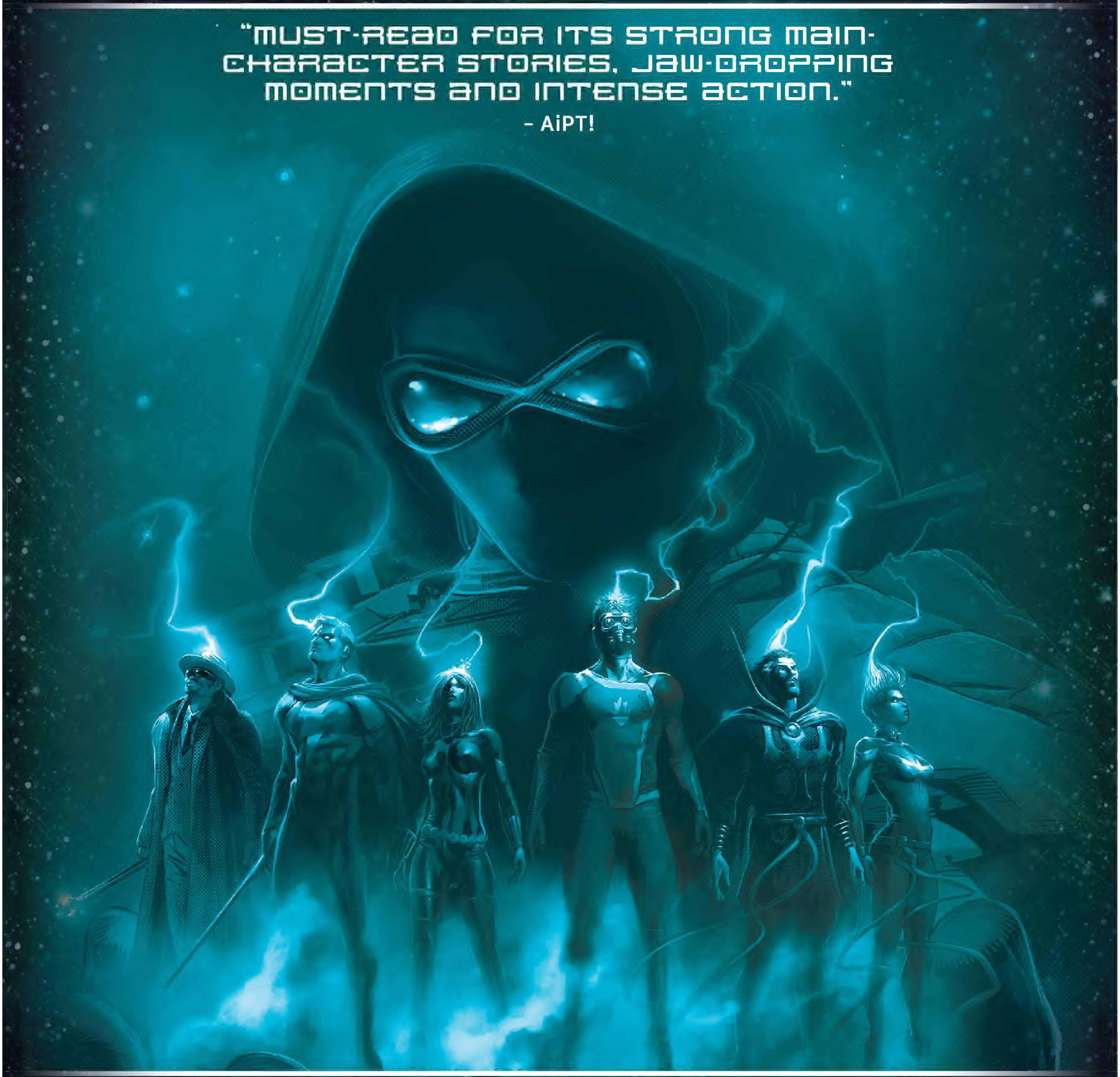
# WHAT DOES INFINITY HOLD FOR THE MARVEL UNIVERSE?



"MUST-READ FOR ITS STRONG MAIN-CHARACTER STORIES, JAW-DROPPING MOMENTS AND INTENSE ACTION."

– AiPT!

AS THE INFINITY STONES COME TO EARTH, SO TOO COMES THE WAR FOR CONTROL OVER THEM — WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL, STAR-LORD, DOCTOR STRANGE, LOKI AND MORE ON THE FRONT LINES! BUT NONE WHO WIELD THE STONES TRULY UNDERSTAND THE POWER THEY CONTAIN — OR COMPREHEND WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BRING THEM TO THEIR END! THE NATURE OF THE COSMOS ITSELF HANGS IN THE BALANCE AS WE LEARN THE ANSWER TO THE HEROES' MOST PRESSING QUESTION: WHO IS REQUIEM? INFINITY IS WARPED, AND REALITY HAS ONLY ONE HOPE — AND THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS STORY WILL BE FELT THROUGHOUT THE MARVEL UNIVERSE FOR YEARS TO COME! AS COSMIC WAR BEGINS TO RAGE, GERRY DUGGAN AND MIKE DEODATO JR. GAZE INTO THE INFINITE — AND BRING THE TRUTH TO LIGHT!

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COLLECTING **INFINITY WARS #1-6**, **PRIME #1**, **FALLEN GUARDIAN #1** AND **INFINITY #1** — BY GERRY DUGGAN, MIKE DEODATO JR., ANDY MacDONALD, MARK BAGLEY AND FRANK MARTIN — PLUS MATERIAL FROM **THANOS LEGACY #1**.